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1965, No. 92

An Act to amend the Law Practitioners Act 1955

[27 October 1965]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Law Practitioners Amendment Act 1965, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Law Practitioners Act 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Recognition of United Kingdom qualifications—
(1) Section 6 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection (1) the following paragraph:

“(e) Any person who has been admitted as a solicitor in any part of the United Kingdom and has passed the prescribed examination in the law of New Zealand or in the practice of law in New Zealand or in both:

“Provided that he shall not be required to pass any such examination if he has been in practice as a solicitor, whether as an employee or otherwise, in any part of the United Kingdom for not less than three years.”

(2) Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (b) of subsection (1) the following proviso:

“Provided that a person who has been admitted as a barrister under the provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 6 of this Act shall not be qualified for admission as a solicitor of the Court until he has passed an examination prescribed for the purpose, unless the Council of the New Zealand Law Society, after consulting the Council of Legal Education, certifies that by reason of his qualifications and experience he is a fit and proper person to be admitted as a solicitor without passing that examination.”

3. Protection of Law Societies, witnesses, and counsel in disciplinary investigations—(1) Section 45 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “this Act”, the words “and investigations under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 114 of this Act”.

(2) Section 52 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “this Act”, the words “or any investigation under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 114 of this Act”.

This Act is administered in the Department of Justice.
