



## ANALYSIS

Title  
1. Short Title

2. Council may make rules

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1999, No. 37

**An Act to amend the Law Practitioners Act 1982**

[7 May 1999]

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Law Practitioners Amendment Act 1999, and is part of the Law Practitioners Act 1982 (“the principal Act”).

**2. Council may make rules**—(1) Section 17 (2) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after paragraph (e), the following paragraph:

“(ea) Requiring that a solicitor who intends to set up on his or her own account, or who manages or administers trust accounts, must undertake training in trust account management and in the obligations of solicitors in relation to trust accounts. Such rules may, without limitation,—

“(i) Provide that the training must be undertaken at specified times or frequencies, or in specified circumstances:

“(ii) Require that a particular course or courses be undertaken, or (in addition, or as an alternative) require that the training comply with specified requirements or be provided by a particular agency or agencies:

“(iii) Provide that satisfactory results from assessment or examination be required as part of the training:

“(iv) Exempt, or provide for the exemption of, any solicitor or class of solicitor from all or any rules made under this paragraph:

“(v) Provide that fees may be charged to any person applying for or undertaking the training required by rules made under this paragraph:”.

(2) Section 17 (2) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after paragraph (f), the following paragraph:

“(fa) Requiring that holders of practising certificates, or any class of holders of practising certificates, undertake ongoing legal education relating to the law or the practice of law. Such rules may, without limitation,—

“(i) Provide for the times or frequencies at which the legal education must be undertaken, and the topics to be addressed:

“(ii) Require that particular legal education be undertaken, or (in addition, or as an alternative) require that the legal education comply with specified requirements:

“(iii) Exempt, or provide for the exemption of, any holder or class of holder of a practising certificate, from all or any rules made under this paragraph:

“(iv) Provide that fees may be charged to any person applying for or receiving legal education required by rules made under this paragraph:”.