

L.N. 188 of 1962

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT, 1962
(1962, No. 12)

The Legal Practitioners Qualification Regulations, 1962

Commencement : 31st December, 1962

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Council of Legal Education by subsection (2) of section three of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1962, and of all other powers enabling the council in that behalf, the council hereby makes the following regulations :—

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section three of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1962 (which provides that a person shall not be enrolled unless he produces a qualifying certificate from the Council of Legal Education) shall not apply in the following cases, that is to say—

Transitional
relaxation of
requirements
for enrol-
ment.

(a) in the case of a person who, before the 31st day of August, 1962, had become entitled to practise as a barrister, advocate or solicitor in any part of Great Britain or Ireland ;

(b) in the case of a person who, before the 31st day of August, 1962, had passed an exempting examination or who, having conditionally passed a bar examination before that date, satisfied the conditions before the 1st day of October, 1962 ;

(c) in the case of a person who produces to the registrar a certificate issued by the council stating that the council is satisfied that—

(i) before the 1st day of November, 1962, the person in question had obtained a law degree in consequence of an examination at which he reached an approved standard and had begun a course of study for a post-graduate law degree ; and

(ii) before the 1st day of September, 1965, he had obtained, in consequence of such an examination as aforesaid, the post-graduate law degree referred to in paragraph (i) above ;

(d) in the case of a person who has passed an exempting examination on or after the 31st day of August, 1962, but before the 31st day of August, 1963, and who produces to the registrar a certificate issued by the council stating that the person in question has successfully completed, before the 31st day of December, 1965, a course of practical training lasting not less than three months which was conducted under arrangements made by the council ;

(e) in the case of a person who produces to the registrar—

(i) such a certificate as is mentioned in subparagraph (d) above ; and

(ii) a certificate issued by the Attorney-General of the Federation or a Region stating that the person in question has, after obtaining the certificate referred to in paragraph (i) above, been a member of the public service of the Federation or the Region, as the case may be, for a period of not less than nine months and has throughout that period been engaged in duties of a type usually performed by persons whose names are on the roll ;

(f) in the case of a person who produces to the registrar a certificate issued by the council stating that, in the opinion of the council, the person in question has acquired knowledge and experience fitting him for enrolment and would suffer undue hardship if he were required to qualify for enrolment apart from this subparagraph.

(2) A person shall not be entitled to the benefit of subparagraph (c) or (f) above for the purposes of an application for enrolment made after the 31st day of December, 1965.

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(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of section seventeen of the Interpretation Act (which provides that expressions defined by an Act under which subordinate legislation is made shall have the same meaning in that legislation as in the Act), in these regulations the following expressions have the following meanings—

“approved” means approved for the purposes of these regulations by the council;

“bar examination” means an exempting examination, other than a solicitor’s examination;

“the council” means the Council of Legal Education;

“exempting examination” means a final examination qualifying a person for call or admission as a barrister, advocate or solicitor in any part of Great Britain or Ireland;

“law degree” means a degree granted by an approved university in consequence of an approved course of legal studies; and

“solicitor’s examination” means a final examination qualifying a person for admission as a solicitor in any part of Great Britain or Ireland.

Short title.

2. These regulations may be cited as the Legal Practitioners Qualification Regulations, 1962.

Signed on the directions of the Council of Legal Education this 21st day of December, 1962.

ADETOKUNBO ADEMOLA,
Chairman of the Council

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