



# Solicitors Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 47

### PART I

#### RIGHT TO PRACTISE AS SOLICITOR

##### *Admission*

#### **4 Admission of certain overseas solicitors**

- (1) Subject to section 5(1), a solicitor of a superior court in any territory to which this subsection for the time being applies who has been in practice before that court for not less than three years may, and a solicitor of such a court who has for not less than three years served bona fide as a clerk to a solicitor in England and Wales may with the consent of the Council of the Society, be admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court—
- (a) after giving due notice and the prescribed proof of his qualifications and good character; and
  - (b) after passing the prescribed examination or, in the prescribed cases, without examination; and
  - (c) after service under articles during the prescribed period or, in the prescribed cases, without such service; and
  - (d) on payment of the prescribed amount in respect of fees.
- (2) Where, as respects a superior court in any territory (including a part of a territory) which is part of the Commonwealth outside the United Kingdom, Her Majesty in Council is satisfied—
- (a) that the regulations respecting the admission of solicitors of that court are such as to secure that those solicitors possess proper qualifications and competency; and
  - (b) that by the law of that territory solicitors of the Supreme Court will be admitted as solicitors of the superior court in that territory on terms as favourable as those on which it is proposed to admit solicitors of that superior court in pursuance of subsection (1) as solicitors of the Supreme Court,

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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Her Majesty may by Order in Council apply subsection (1) to that superior court and that territory subject to any exceptions, conditions and modifications specified in the Order, and by the same or any subsequent Order in Council may, as respects that court and territory, provide for all matters authorised by this section to be prescribed and for all matters appearing to Her Majesty to be necessary or proper for giving effect to the Order and to this section.

- (3) Her Majesty may by Order in Council revoke or vary any Order previously made under this section.
- (4) An Order in Council applying subsection (1) to any court and providing for the admission of solicitors of that court as solicitors of the Supreme Court, and an Order in Council applying the Colonial Solicitors Act 1900 to the same court and providing for the admission of solicitors of that court as solicitors in Scotland, may, if convenient, be made together as one Order.
- (5) In this section, "superior court" and "solicitor" mean respectively, as respects any territory, such court in that territory and such solicitor, attorney, law agent or other person entitled to practise as agent in a court of law in that territory as may be prescribed.