

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1897 (L. 29)

**MAGISTRATES' COURTS**  
**The Justices' Clerks (Qualifications of Assistants)**  
**(Amendment) Rules 1980**

*Made* - - - - - 27th November 1980

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The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 15 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1949(a), as extended by section 27(8) of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979(b), after consultation with the Rule Committee appointed under the said section 15, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Justices' Clerks (Qualifications of Assistants) (Amendment) Rules 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1981.

2.—(1) For paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 1 to the Justices' Clerks (Qualifications of Assistants) Rules 1979(c) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

“(2) A magistrates' courts committee may, not later than 31st March 1981, grant an assistant to whom this Schedule applies a certificate of competence if it is satisfied that he has had, before 31st December 1979, experience employed as a clerk in court for not less than five years (whether or not continuously) of all types of proceedings in a magistrates' court (including proceedings in domestic and juvenile courts) and is competent to be employed as a clerk in court.”.

(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) above shall not affect the validity of any certificate of competence granted under the said paragraph 1(2) before the coming into operation of these Rules.

Dated 27th November 1980.

*Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.*

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(a) 1949 c. 101.

(b) 1979 c. 55.

(c) S.I. 1979/570.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Rules.)*

Paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 1 to the Justices' Clerks (Qualifications of Assistants) Rules 1979 makes provision for the grant by a magistrates' courts committee, not later than 31st December 1979, of certificates of competence to certain justices' clerk's assistants with five years' experience of court work before that date for the purpose of qualifying them to be employed as clerks in court. These Rules amend that Schedule so as to extend the time in which such certificates of competence may be granted until 31st March 1981.

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