



**GUYANA**

ACT No. 2 OF 1993

**SWORN CLERK AND NOTARY PUBLIC  
(CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY) ACT 1993**

I assent.

**CHEDDI JAGAN,**  
President.

16th April, 1993

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTION**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 9 of the High Court Act.
3. Amendment of section 3 of the Deeds Registry Act.

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AN ACT to amend the High Court Act and the Deeds Registry Act to provide separate examinations for sworn clerks under the High Court Act and notaries public under the Deeds Registry Act.

A.D. 1993 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Sworn Clerk and Notary Public (Certificate of Competency) Act 1993.

Amendment  
of section  
9 of the  
High Court  
Act.  
Cap. 3:02

2. (1) Section 9 of the High Court Act is hereby amended in the following manner —

- (a) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of section 9;
- (b) in subsection (1), as so renumbered, by the substitution for the full stop at the end of a colon and by the insertion of the following proviso as the proviso thereto —

“Provided that no person shall be appointed a sworn clerk until he has been examined by and obtained a certificate of competency from an examining board consisting of the Chief Justice, the Registrar and the State Solicitor or of any two of them, who are hereby empowered and required to hold an examination whenever necessary.”.

- (c) by the insertion immediately after subsection (1) of the following subsections as subsections (2), (3) and (4) —

“(2) The Registrar and the Deputy Registrar shall be deemed to be *ex-officio* sworn clerks.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1) a person who —

- (a) is an attorney-at-law and who within a period of five years prior to his qualifying as such had at least one year's experience as an assistant sworn clerk in the registry; or

- (b) is an attorney-at-law of not less than one year's standing,

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may be appointed a sworn clerk for such time as he may hold a public office in the registry.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3) "attorney-at-law" has the same meaning as in the Legal Practitioners Act."

Cap. 4:01

3. The Deeds Registry Act is hereby amended in the following manner —

**Amendment  
of section 3  
of the Deeds  
Registry  
Act.  
Cap. 5:01**

- (a) in section 3,
  - (i) in subsection (1), by the deletion of the words "sworn clerks," and of the words "and no person shall be appointed a sworn clerk";
  - (ii) in subsection (3), by the deletion of the words "or sworn clerk";
- (b) in section 4,
  - (i) in subsections (1) and (2), by the deletion of the words "sworn clerk and";
  - (ii) in subsection (3), by the deletion of the words "sworn clerk or";
- (c) in section 6, by the substitution for the words "sworn clerk and" of the word "or";
- (d) in section 10 (1), by the deletion of the words "sworn clerk,";
- (e) in section 15, by the deletion of the words "sworn clerk and";
- (f) in section 24 (2), by the substitution for the words "sworn clerk" of the words "notary public".

*Passed by the National Assembly on 24th March, 1993:*

**F. A. Narain,**  
Clerk of the National Assembly.

(BILL No. 1/1993)