

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (No 2) 1986

No 79, 1986

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Ordinance amends the Legal Practitioners Ordinance 1970 ('the Principal Ordinance') to recognise the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the Queensland Institute of Technology as an educational qualification for admission as a barrister and solicitor of the ACT Supreme Court.

Sub-section 10(1) of the Principal Ordinance lists a number of educational qualifications that, together with completion of the Legal Workshop at the Australian National University or articles of clerkship, entitle a person to apply to be admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court. The Bachelor of Laws degree at the Queensland Institute of Technology was not previously recognised for this purpose although it is recognised in several other Australian jurisdictions for the purposes of admission. The Australian National University recognises the degree as equivalent to a Bachelor of Laws at an Australian university for the purposes of admission to its Legal Workshop and for other purposes.

Details of the Ordinance are as follows:

Section 1 provides that the Ordinance may be cited as the Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Ordinance (No 2) 1986

Section 2 amends section 10 of the Principal Ordinance to include a reference to the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the Queensland Institute of Technology.

Authorised by the Attorney-General