

CHAPTER 13B

CONSULAR AND NOTARIAL SERVICES FEES

1998-19

This Act came into operation on 10th September, 1998.

Amended by:

2006-21

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**BARBADOS****CONSULAR AND NOTARIAL SERVICES FEES
1998-19**

An Act to make provision for the payment of fees for consular services provided by consular officers on behalf of the Government of Barbados; and to make provision for the payment of fees for notarial services provided in Barbados.

[Commencement: 10th September, 1998]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Consular and Notarial Services Fees Act*.

Interpretation

2. For the purposes of this Act,

“consular officer” means a person holding any of the offices listed in the *First Schedule*;

“consular services” means any of the services set out and described in the *Second Schedule*;

“declaration of life” means a document which is signed by a consular officer declaring that a person is alive at a particular date.

Powers of consular officers

3.(1) Every consular officer may, in performing consular services in a foreign country,

- (a) perform the duties of a consular officer as authorised by section 3 of the *Consular Conventions Act*, Cap. 17;
- (b) exercise the rights and discharge the duties appertaining to the office of Notary Public; and
- (c) provide the consular services described in the first column of the *Second Schedule*.

(2) Every notarial act performed by or before any consular officer shall be as effectual as if the act was duly performed by or before any Notary Public in Barbados.

(3) The consular services referred to in subsection (1) shall be provided by a consular officer or a person holding the office or performing the duties of or acting under the authority of the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for Foreign Affairs.

Services to be provided by certain officers

3A. Any officer in the Ministry responsible for Foreign Affairs who holds an office specified in the *Third Schedule* may provide the service set out in the *Fourth Schedule* on payment of the fee set out therein.

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Fees for consular services

4.(1) There shall be payable in respect of a consular service that is listed in the first column of the *Second Schedule* the fee set out opposite to that service in the second column of the *Second Schedule*.

- (2) The equivalent amount of the fee set out in the *Second Schedule* may be paid
- (a) in the currency of the country in which the consular services are provided; or
 - (b) in the currency of the United States of America.

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Fees to be displayed

5. There shall be displayed in the office of a consular officer a list setting out the consular services for which fees are prescribed under this Act and the respective fees for such services.

Exemptions

- 6.(1) No fee is payable in respect of the provision of consular services to
- (a) a national of Barbados who in the opinion of the consular officer is destitute;
 - (b) an official of Barbados or a foreign official, where the service is requested in that person's official capacity;
 - (c) a person for the purpose of enabling the receipt by that person of a salary, a pension or other allowance payable by the Government of Barbados; or
 - (d) a person who is a seaman.
- (2) No fee is payable under this Act for the registration of a birth or for an amendment of the registration of a birth.

Amendment of the Schedules

7. The Minister may by order amend the Schedules.

FIRST SCHEDULE*(Section 2)**List of Offices*

Any person appointed, whether permanently or temporarily, to any of the following offices in a country or place outside Barbados is a consular officer:

- (a) Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary;
- (b) Consul;
- (c) Consul-General;
- (d) Counsellor;
- (e) Deputy Consul-General;
- (f) Deputy High Commissioner;
- (g) First Secretary, Second Secretary or Attaché at an Embassy, High Commission or other mission;
- (h) High Commissioner;
- (i) Honorary Consul;
- (j) Honorary Consul-General;
- (k) Honorary Vice-Consul;
- (l) Minister Counsellor;
- (m) Vice-Consul.

*[2006-21]***SECOND SCHEDULE***(Sections 2, 3 and 4)***CONSULAR SERVICES AND FEES**

















THIRD SCHEDULE

(Section 3A)

Officers who may Provide Notarial Services

- (a)* Executive Officer
- (b)* Foreign Service Officer II
- (c)* Foreign Service Officer I
- (d)* Senior Foreign Service Officer

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FOURTH SCHEDULE*(Section 3A)**Notarial Services which may be provided by Officers*

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