

**AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND THE COURTS ORDINANCE 1960**

**T.W. RIMMER
ADMINISTRATOR**

25th April 2003.

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:-

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Courts (Amendment) Ordinance 2003. Short title.

2. Section 5 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended – Section 5 of the principal Ordinance amended.

(a) by inserting in subsection (1) immediately after the words “consist of” in line one thereof the words “a Resident Judge and such other Judges or Associate Judges as may be appointed”;

(b) by inserting in subsection (2) immediately after the word “who” where it appears in line two thereof, the words “save in the case of an Associate Judge”.

3. The principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 7 thereof the following new section to be numbered 7A – New section 7A inserted into the principal Ordinance.

“Associate Judges. **7A.** - (1) Any member of Her Majesty’s Forces who –

(a) has been qualified to practise as a barrister, advocate or solicitor in any part of the United Kingdom for a minimum period of seven years;

(b) satisfies the Senior Judge, on the advice of the Resident Judge, that he is a fit and proper person so to act,

may be appointed as an Associate Judge.

(2) An Associate Judge shall be appointed by an instrument in writing under the hand of the Administrator and shall hold office for such period and exercise such jurisdiction as the said Instrument shall specify.”.

Section 8 of the principal Ordinance amended.

4. Section 8 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and replaced by the following new section –

“8. No person shall be appointed to be a Senior Judge or a Judge unless:-

- (a) he is qualified to practise as a barrister-at-law, advocate or solicitor in the United Kingdom, or in an equivalent professional capacity, in a Court in a part of Her Majesty’s Dominions, or in the Republic of Ireland, and
- (b) (i) has been so qualified for not less than ten years, or
(ii) has at any time held an appointment as Judge of a Court of Record in any part of Her Majesty’s Dominions.”.

Section 10 of the principal Ordinance amended.

5. Section 10 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended -

- (a) by inserting a comma after the words “Senior Judge” where they appear in line one thereof;
- (b) by deleting the words “and Judge” and substituting therefore the words “Judge and Associate Judge”.

25th April 2003
(128/5/1)

J.C.A. JARVIS CBE,
Chief Officer

Marginal Notes

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