



LEGAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT

No. 25 of 1980

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AN ACT to amend the Legal Assistance Act 1962 for the purpose of extending the definition of " approved scheme " and for other purposes.

[Royal Assent 21 May 1980]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1—This Act may be cited as the *Legal Assistance Amendment Act* Short title. 1980.

Principal Act. **2**—In this Act, the *Legal Assistance Act 1962** is referred to as the Principal Act.

Amendment of section 3 of Principal Act (Interpretation). **3**—Section 3 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definition of “approved scheme” and substituting the following definition:—

“approved scheme” means—

- (a) a scheme previously approved under section 3 of the *Legal Assistance Act 1954*;
- (b) a scheme approved by the Attorney-General under section 4A of this Act; or
- (c) a scheme approved by the Attorney-General, being a scheme proposed by a body that is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph.

Amendment of section 5 of Principal Act (Exemption from fees). **4**—Section 5 (5) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definition of “authorized officer” and substituting the following definition:—

“authorized officer” means—

- (a) an officer or employee of the Society who is authorized by a committee to sign certificates under this section;
- (b) the Deputy Director in this State of the Australian Legal Aid Office or some person authorized by him to sign certificates under this section; or
- (c) an officer or employee of a body that is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph and who is authorized by that body to sign certificates under this section;

* No. 28 of 1962. Amended by No. 6 of 1968, No. 26 of 1969, and No. 109 of 1974.