

# THE TERRITORY OF COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

No. 1 of 1980

## AN ORDINANCE

To amend the *Interpretation Ordinance 1955*

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act 1955*.

Dated this twelfth

day of October 1980.

ZELMAN COWEN

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

(Sgd) R. Ellicott  
Minister of State for Home Affairs

### INTERPRETATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Interpretation (Amendment) Ordinance 1980*.<sup>\*</sup> Short title

2. In this Ordinance "Principal Ordinance" means the *Interpretation Ordinance 1955*.<sup>†</sup> Principal Ordinance

3. Section 5 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting in sub-section (1) after the definition of "Magistrate's Court" the following definition: Interpretation

"'medical practitioner' means a person who is registered or licensed as a medical practitioner under a law of a State or a Territory of the Commonwealth, or under a law of the United Kingdom, that provides for the registration or licensing of medical practitioners;"

4. Part III of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the heading and substituting the following heading: Heading of Part III

"PART III—PROVISIONS RELATING TO ORDINANCES OF THE COLONY OF SINGAPORE IN THEIR APPLICATION AS LAWS OF THE TERRITORY".

<sup>\*</sup> Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 1980.  
<sup>†</sup> Ordinance No. 1, 1955 as amended by No. 1, 1958; No. 1, 1962; No. 3, 1964; Nos. 1 and 6, 1966; No. 1, 1973; No. 2, 1975; No. 3, 1976; No. 2, 1977; and No. 6, 1979.

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## 5. Section 18 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

(a) by omitting from the table in sub-section (1)—

“ ‘advocate’ or ‘advocate and solicitor’	A barrister or solicitor as defined in section five of this Ordinance
‘the Colony’, ‘the Colony of Singapore’ or ‘the Settlement of Singapore’	The Territory”

References to certain expressions in laws of Singapore

## and substituting—

“ ‘advocate’ or ‘advocate and solicitor’	A barrister or solicitor as defined in section 5 of this Ordinance
‘medical practitioner’ .. ..	A medical practitioner as defined in section 5 of this Ordinance
‘the Colony’, ‘Cocos or Keeling Islands’, ‘the Colony of Singapore’ or ‘the Settlement of Singapore’	The Territory
‘the Governor’ .. ..	The Minister”;

## and

(b) by omitting from the table in sub-section (1)—

“ ‘the Legislative Council’ or ‘the Legislative Assembly’	The Governor-General”
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## and substituting—

“ ‘the Governor in Council’, ‘the Legislative Council’ or ‘the Legislative Assembly’	The Governor-General”.
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## 6. The Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting after section 19B the following section:

“19C. Where an Ordinance of the Colony of Singapore confers a power or function on a person or authority (not being a person or authority specified in the First Column of the table in sub-section 18 (1)) that power or function may be exercised or performed by such person or authority as the Minister directs.”.

Other powers and functions under laws of Singapore

## 7. Section 20 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-sections:

References to Singapore currency

“(2) Where it is necessary for the purposes of sub-section (1) or for the purposes of any Ordinance or law made under an Ordinance to convert an amount expressed in currency of the Colony of the Straits Settlements or of the Colony of Singapore to the equivalent amount in Australian currency, the conversion shall be made on the basis that—

- (a) 40 cents in Australian currency is the equivalent of one dollar in the currency of the Colony of the Straits Settlements or of the Colony of Singapore; and

- (b) 0.4 cents in Australian currency is the equivalent of one cent in the currency of the Colony of the Straits Settlements or of the Colony of Singapore.

“(3) Where a calculation in accordance with sub-section (2) results in the ascertainment of an amount in Australian currency that includes a percentage of a cent, then—

- (a) if the percentage is not greater than 0.45, the percentage shall be disregarded; or
- (b) if the percentage exceeds 0.45, the amount in cents shall be deemed to be increased by adding one to the number of cents (without the percentage).

“(4) Notwithstanding sub-sections (2) and (3), the equivalent of an amount of 3 cents or less in the currency of the Colony of the Straits Settlements or of the Colony of Singapore shall be deemed to be one cent in Australian currency.”