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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 18 of 2003

[L.S.]

**AN ACT to amend the Immigration (Caribbean Community
Skilled Nationals) Act, 1996**

[Assented to 26th June, 2003]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Immigration Short title
(Caribbean Community Skilled Nationals)
(Amendment) Act, 2003.

Interpretation Act
No. 26 of 1996

2. In this Act, the Immigration (Caribbean Community Skilled Nationals) (Amendment) Act is referred to as “the Act”.

Section 3 amended

3. Section 3 of the Act is amended by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“ (2) This section applies to a citizen of a qualifying Caribbean Community state who holds a passport issued by such a state and presents on entry to Trinidad and Tobago, a certificate issued by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago in the form in Schedule II, certifying that the holder of the passport is recognized by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago as holding qualifications which satisfy the conditions for recognition of Caribbean Community Skills qualification.”.

Section 4 amended

4. Section 4 of the Act is amended by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“ (2) This section applies to a citizen of a qualifying Caribbean Community state who holds a passport issued by such a state and presents on entry to Trinidad and Tobago, a certificate issued by the Government of a qualifying Caribbean Community state in a form which is of a nature equivalent to the form prescribed in Schedule II, certifying that the holder of the passport is recognized by the Government of that qualifying Caribbean Community state as holding qualifications which satisfy the conditions for recognition of Caribbean Community Skills qualification.”.

5. The Act is amended by inserting after section 9, the Section 9A inserted following section:

“Qualification requirements deemed to have been satisfied 9A. Notwithstanding sections 8 and 9, an applicant who is a citizen of a qualifying Caribbean Community state and possesses any qualification or experience or combination of qualification and experience that to the satisfaction of the Minister proves that the applicant is—

- (a) an artiste;
- (b) a musician;
- (c) a sports person; or
- (d) a media worker,

is deemed to have satisfied the qualification requirements of this Act.”.

6. The Act is amended by inserting after section 10, Section 10A inserted the following section:

“Entry of spouse and dependents 10A. (1) Notwithstanding any other written law but subject to section 4A, 12 and this section, an immigration officer shall permit the spouse and every dependent member of the family of—

- (a) a person to whom section 3 applies, to enter Trinidad and Tobago for a period of indefinite duration; or
- (b) a person to whom section 4 applies, to enter Trinidad and Tobago for a period of six months.

(2) Where a deportation order has been issued against a spouse or a dependent member referred to in subsection (1) or that person is afflicted with an infectious or a dangerous infectious

disease, the immigration officer shall not permit that person to enter Trinidad and Tobago.”.

Schedule amended

7. Schedule I to the Act is amended by—
- (a) renumbering items 7 to 13 as 8 to 14; and
 - (b) inserting after item 6, the following item:
“7. Haiti”.

Passed in the Senate this 24th day of June, 2003.

D. DOLLY
Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 25th day of June, 2003.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT
Clerk of the House