

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2019

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2019* is a Bill for the *Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Act 2019*.

This memorandum provides an explanation of the Bill and is only intended to indicate the general effect.

EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

Clause 1 provides that, once enacted, the short title of the Bill will be the *Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Act 2019*.

Clause 2 sets out when the Bill's provisions will commence which is on the certification by the Speaker.

Clause 3 is the enabling provision for the amendment of the *Legal Practitioners Act 2019*.

Clause 4 amends Section 4 of the Act by deleting and substituting the definition of '**President**'. This amendment removes the limitation on who can be President which is currently, only a barrister and solicitor. However, the President of the Law Society has to be a legal practitioner duly admitted to practice law in the Republic.

Clause 5 amends Section 20(1) of the Act by deleting and substituting it with a new subclause. This amendment now clarifies the intention of Section 20(1). A new practitioner has to practice for 3 years before he or she is allowed to practice law without any supervision in his or her own name or a business name. The practitioner must practice with a legal practitioner who has 3 years of experience to meet the requirements under subparagraph (a).