



CHAPTER 5

An Act to amend the Bar Act and the Professional Matriculation Act

[Assented to, the 10th of June, 1936]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly
of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 55 of the Bar Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, R. S., c. 210,
chapter 210) is replaced by the following:

“55. In order to be admitted to the study of law one must:

- a.* be a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Letters or a Bachelor of Science of a Canadian or British university; and,
- b.* have complied with the formalities prescribed by the Bar Act.”

Admission
to study of
law.

2. Section 57 of the said act is amended:

a. By replacing the first two paragraphs thereof by the following:

“57. In order to be admitted to practise the legal profession one must :

- a.* be a British subject;
- b.* have attained the age of majority;
- c.* have been regularly admitted to study law;
- d.* have followed during three years a regular course of law in a university or college of this Province and have there obtained a degree of law;
- e.* have, after obtaining such degree, successfully undergone, before the Board of Examiners, a written examination on the subjects determined by the General Council;

R. S., c. 210,
s. 57, am.

Qualifica-
tions for ad-
mission to
practice.

f. have, subsequent to such examination, served a stage of studentship for one year regularly and without interruption, during ordinary office hours, under notarial indenture, in a lawyer's office or in the office (*greffe*) of a civil or criminal court;

g. have, at the end of such stage, successfully undergone, before the Board of Examiners, an oral examination on the matters of law in practice determined by the General Council.

Restriction upon presentation for examination.

Any candidate who has failed three times in the written examination as above prescribed can no longer be admitted to such examination.”;

b. By replacing the last paragraph thereof by the following:

Special cases.

“The General Council may, after taking into consideration a question respecting any irregularity in the stage of studentship of any candidate for practice regularly admitted to study, allow him to present himself for oral examination, and such candidate shall then be treated as if his stage of studentship had been regular; provided always that it be established, to the satisfaction of the General Council, that such candidate has followed his stage of studentship during the time required by law, and that the irregularity in question has occurred *bona fide*.”

R. S., c. 210, s. 58, repealed.

3. Section 58 of the said act is repealed.

Id., s. 59, repealed.

4. Section 59 of the said act is repealed.

Id., s. 62, am.

5. Section 62 of the said act is amended by adding thereto, after the second paragraph thereof, the following:

Additional requirement.

“The candidate, however, shall not be entitled to such diploma unless he has established, to the examiners' satisfaction, that, prior to or after his admission to study law, he has successfully followed the regular course in philosophy of a university recognized by the General Council of the Bar of this Province.”

R. S., c. 209, s. 2, am.

6. Section 2 of the Professional Matriculation Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 209) is amended by striking out the word: “legal,” in the first line thereof.

Coming into force.

7. This act shall come into force on the first of August, 1937, but shall not affect the students admitted to study law before that date.