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

[Assented to 3rd July, 2001]

Enacted by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as the Immigration (Caribbean Community Skilled Nationals) (Amendment) Act, 2001.
In this Act, the Immigration (Caribbean Community Skilled Nationals) Act is referred to as “the Act”.

The Act is amended in section 2(1) by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical positions, the following definitions:

“dependent member of the family” in relation to a person means—
(a) a child or step-child under the age of eighteen years;
(b) a child over the age of eighteen years and wholly dependent on that person for his subsistence;
(c) a parent and a grandparent wholly dependent on that person for their subsistence;

“infectious or dangerous infectious disease” has the meaning assigned to it in the Immigration Act.

The Act is amended in section 3—
(a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:
“(1) Notwithstanding any other written law, an immigration officer shall, subject to sections 4A, 7, 12 and 15(5), permit a person to whom this section applies to enter Trinidad and Tobago for a period of indefinite duration except where he is—
(a) the subject of a deportation order issued against him under any written law;
(b) afflicted with any infectious or dangerous infectious disease;
(b) in subsection (2), by deleting the words “and has gained employment in accordance with his training or experience”.

2c. The Act is amended in section 4 by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Notwithstanding any other written law, an immigration officer shall, subject to section 4A, 12 and 15(5), permit a person to whom this section applies, to enter Trinidad and Tobago for a period of six months except where he is—

(a) the subject of a deportation order issued against him under any written law;

(b) afflicted with any infectious or dangerous infectious disease.”.

3. The Act is amended by inserting after section 4, the following section:

“Residual power of the Minister responsible for immigration

4A. Notwithstanding sections 3 and 4, the Minister with responsibility for immigration may, on the basis of information received by him, prohibit the entry into Trinidad and Tobago under this Act, of any person whose presence, in his opinion would be prejudicial to national security.”.

4. The Act is amended by repealing section 5 and substituting the following section:

“Irrevocability of permission

5. (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) and sections 4A, 12 and 15, permission to enter Trinidad and Tobago and the rights granted and privileges conferred under this Act shall, notwithstanding any other written law, be irrevocable.
(2) The Minister to whom responsibility for immigration is assigned, may revoke any permission granted to a person under this Act, where that person is the subject of an order made against him for his extradition, deportation or other form of surrender.

(3) Where a person to whom section 3 or 4 applies commits an offence which if committed in Trinidad and Tobago would be punishable with imprisonment for one year or more, the Minister to whom responsibility for immigration is assigned may revoke any permission granted to the person under this Act and make a deportation order against that person under the Immigration Act.”.

Section 10 amended

5. Section 10 of the Act is amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words “The spouse and dependent members of the family of the holder of a certificate under Schedule II” and substituting the following words:

“For the period of the duration of a permission under section 3(1), the spouse and dependent members of the family of a person to whom section 3 applies”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 18th day of May, 2001.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 26th day of June, 2001.

N. COX
Clerk of the Senate