

JAMAICA

No. 15- 2021

I assent,

[L.S.]

Sgd. P. L. Allen
Governor-General.

30th day of July 2021

AN ACT to Amend the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica Act; to validate and confirm as lawful the actions of the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica, and the members of the Council, in granting or conferring (as the case may require), in good faith in the purported exercise of their functions, degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards and distinctions and to validate and confirm as lawful the awards and distinctions so granted and conferred, during the period January 1, 1993, to the date of commencement of this Act; to provide for indemnification in respect thereof; and for connected matters.

[*30th July 2021*]

[No.] *The Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (Amendment, Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2021*

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and construction.

1. This Act may be cited as the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (Amendment, Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2021, and shall be read and construed as one with the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica Act (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”) and all amendments thereto.

Amendment of section 4 of principal Act.

2. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by—

- (a) renumbering paragraphs (e) to (o) as paragraphs (g) to (q); and
- (b) inserting next after paragraph (d) the following as paragraphs (e) and (f)—

“ (e) grant or confer (as the case may require) degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards and distinctions to or on persons who have pursued courses of study approved by the Council, at associated community and multi-disciplinary colleges, and have passed such examinations or other tests as may, from time to time, be required by the Council;

- (f) rescind the award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards and distinctions granted or conferred under paragraph (e), where the Council has good and sufficient cause to do so;”

Validation and indemnity.

3.—(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any enactment, all degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards and distinctions granted or conferred, and all acts done in relation to the grant or conferral thereof, in good faith in the purported exercise of their functions, by the members of the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (as unincorporated) and the Council of Community Colleges

of Jamaica (as established by the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica Act) respectively, during the period 1st day of January, 1993, to the date of commencement of this Act, are hereby declared to have been validly, properly and lawfully granted and conferred and carried out to all intents and purposes and with effect as if power was lawfully conferred upon the Council to do so, and are hereby confirmed.

(2) The members of the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (as unincorporated) and the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (as established by the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica Act) and every person liable to be legally proceeded against on the ground of any illegality of the aforesaid awards or conferrals, or acts is freed, acquitted, discharged and indemnified as against The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, as well as against all persons whosoever, from all legal proceedings of any kind in respect of or consequent on those awards or conferrals, or acts.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 22nd day of June 2021.

JULIET HOLNESS
Deputy Speaker.

Passed in the Honourable Senate this 25th day of June 2021.

THOMAS TAVARES-FINSON, CD, QC, JP
President.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.

Sgd. Valerie A. Currie
Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.