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Chap. 57:05 State Land (Regularisation of Tenure)

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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NOTIFICATION

FORM A

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMFORT

Prescribed pursuant to section 11(3) of the Act

1. I/We (Name)

hereby make application under the provisions of section 11(3) of the Act, for a Certificate of Comfort in respect of one dwelling house only upon a lot of State Land comprising 5,000 square feet more or less, situated at

..... (Address)

2. I/We declare that I/We have been in occupation of the said parcel of land prior to 1st January, 1998 ("the appointed day").

3. The evidence supportive of my/our occupation before the appointed day as required by section 11(3) of the Act is attached hereto and marked These attachments include the declarations of two deponents who are not my/our relatives.

DECLARATION

"I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true according to the Statutory Declarations Act and I am aware that if there is any statement in this declaration which is false, or that I do not believe to be true, I am liable upon summary conviction to a fine of \$5,000.00 and six (6) months imprisonment".

Made and declared at } Before me, Commissioner of Affidavits / Justice of the Peace
this day of
20.....
Signature(s) Applicant 1
Applicant 2

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION: It will help us to process your application faster.

Applicant (1) Applicant (2)
A. [] Identification Card number
[] Passport number
[] Driver's Permit number

(Check one box and state particulars for both applicants where applicable).

B. Means by which we may contact you:

Telephone number
(or contact at work, friend, family)

C. Age(s) last birthday Applicant 1

Applicant 2

Notes:

- i. This completed form with supporting documents must reach any office of the Land Settlement Agency ("the Agency") no later than 27th October, 1999, or by 27th October, 2000 in the case of a late application made under section 12.
- ii. The submission of this form does not guarantee you a Certificate of Comfort under the Act. The Agency must be satisfied that the lot applied for is in fact on State Land, before a Certificate of Comfort may be granted to you. Therefore you must not extend, renovate, rebuild or make any alteration to the structure you occupy until you are told you may do so.
- iii. Submit originals of the declarations of the two deponents referred to in 3 above. Photocopies of other documentary evidence are acceptable and may include: bills showing materials purchased to build the house, T&TEC, WASA or TSTT bills showing your name(s) and the address of the lot applied for, old letters referring to the land, land and building tax receipts, and any other documents which would support your claim to occupation before the appointed day. These should be attached as exhibits to this application and numbered "A", "B", "C", etc. **Originals will have to be provided upon request at a later date.** As these documents are part of the Statutory Declaration, you are liable to the fine and imprisonment referred to above, if you submit fraudulent documentary evidence. Also if fraudulence is discovered **after** obtaining a Certificate of Comfort, it becomes **VOID** and of no value.
- iv. A "relative" means your spouse, parent, grandparent, brother or sister, children, including step-children, and the spouses of all these people. A "spouse" includes a person who lives together with another person as husband or wife on a *bona fide* domestic basis although not married to that person.
- v. You may go to either a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner of Affidavits to swear to your application form.
Please sketch the location of your house in relation to the nearest street, light pole, or other landmark:

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

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FORM B

DECLARATION TO SUPPORT APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMFORT

Prescribed pursuant to section 11(3) of the Act

- 1. I make this declaration in support of the application of for a Certificate of Comfort to one dwelling house upon a lot of State Land situated at
2. I am personally aware that has been in actual occupation of the said parcel of land before 1st January, 1998.
3. I am not a relative of

DECLARATION

"I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true according to the Statutory Declarations Act and I am aware that if there is any statement in this declaration which is false, or which I do not believe to be true, I am liable upon summary conviction to a fine of \$5,000.00 and six (6) months imprisonment".

Made and declared at this day of 20..... Before me, Commissioner of Affidavits /Justice of the Peace

Please complete the following section:

- 1. Identification/Driver's Permit/Passport Number:
2. Address:
3. Telephone number/contact:
4. Age last birthday:

5. Explain how you know that: has been in actual
(Applicant's Name)

occupation of the said parcel of land before 1st January, 1998.

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Notes:

1. Your making this declaration does not guarantee the applicant a Certificate of Comfort.
2. You are not entitled to ask for or receive any payment, apart from expenses incurred in swearing before the Commissioner of Affidavits, or Justice of the Peace, for making this declaration.
3. The entire form must be filled out before going before the Commissioner of Affidavits or Justice of the Peace for swearing.
4. A "relative" means your spouse, parent, grandparent, brother or sister, children, including step-children, and the spouses of all these people. A "spouse" includes a person who lives together with another person as husband or wife on a *bona fide* domestic basis although not married to that person.
