



# THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS (OATHS AND FEES) ACT, 1948



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## <sup>1</sup>ACT NO. XXI OF 1948

[8<sup>th</sup> January 1949]

**An Act to provide for the administration of oaths by diplomatic and consular officers and to prescribe the fees leviable in respect of certain of their official duties.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the administration of oaths by diplomatic and consular officers and for the levy of fees in respect of certain official duties performed by them;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees) Act, 1948.

(2) It shall come into force at once, and shall be deemed to have taken effect from the fifteenth day of August, 1947.

**2. Definitions.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

<sup>2</sup>[(a) “consular officer” includes consul, consular agent, consul-general, honorary consul, proconsul and vice-consul; and

(b) “diplomatic officer” includes ambassador, agent, agent-general, assistant high commissioner, attache of a diplomatic mission, charged’ affaires, commissioner, counsellor, deputy high commissioner, diplomatic secretary, high commissioner and minister.]

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<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Gaz. of P.*, 1948, Pt. V p. 124.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. and shall be deemed always to have been so subs. by the *Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oath and Fees) Ordinance, 1960 (12 of 1960)*, s. 2 for the original cls. (a) and (b), as amended by the *Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees) Amendment Act, 1949 (3 of 1949)*, s. 2.