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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 3 of 2019**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Administration of Justice  
(Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011 (Act No. 20 of  
2011)

*[Assented to 13th February, 2019]*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment  
follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Administration of <sup>Short title</sup>  
Justice (Indictable Proceedings) (Amendment) Act,  
2019.

Interpretation  
Act No. 20 of 2011

**2.** In this Act, “the Act” means the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011.

Section 3 amended

**3.** Section 3 of the Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1)—

(i) by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following definitions:

“ “arrest warrant” means a warrant issued under section 6 or 8 for the apprehension of an accused;

“computer” means a device or group of interconnected or related devices which follows a program or external instruction to perform automatic processing of information or electronic data;

“documentary exhibit” includes a statement, extract, photograph, computer printout or other document;

“either-way offence” means—

(a) an offence which is triable on indictment or summarily;  
or

(b) an offence specified in Schedule 2;

“indictable offence” means an offence which is triable

only on indictment or an  
either-way offence;

“interpreter” means a person  
who holds a valid  
licence, or who is  
appointed, under the  
Interpreters Act; Chap. 6:54

“Keeper” has the meaning  
assigned to it by  
section 2 of the  
Summary Courts Act; Chap. 4:20

“prison” means any place  
referred to in section 3  
of the Prisons Act or  
declared or appointed a  
prison under that Act; Chap. 13:01

“search warrant” means a  
warrant issued under  
section 5(1);” and

(ii) by deleting the definition of  
“prosecutor” and substituting the  
following definition:

“ “prosecutor” includes the  
Director of Public  
Prosecutions, a person  
acting under and in  
accordance with his  
general or special  
instructions or a police  
prosecutor or, in the  
case of the private  
prosecution of an  
offence, the person  
prosecuting that  
offence;”;

(b) in subsection (2), by deleting the words

“Justice of the Peace” and substituting the words “Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court”; and

- (c) in subsection (3), by deleting the words “Justice of the Peace” and substituting the words “Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court”.

Section 5 amended

4. Section 5 of the Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1)—

- (i) by deleting the word “believing”, wherever it occurs, and substituting in each place the word “suspecting”;
- (ii) by inserting after the word “receptacle”, wherever it occurs, the words “, computer, electronic device”; and
- (iii) by deleting the words “seize and carry it before the Master issuing the warrant or some other Master, to be dealt with by him according to law” and substituting the words “seize it and report the seizure to the Master issuing the warrant or another Master in accordance with subsection (3)”;

(b) in subsection (2)—

- (i) by deleting the words “warrant under subsection (1)” and substituting the words “search warrant”; and
- (ii) by inserting after the word “day”, the words “, including a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday”; and

(c) by repealing subsections (3) and (4) and substituting the following subsections:

“ (3) Upon the execution of a search warrant, a constable shall forthwith complete a report describing anything seized, whether specified in the search warrant or not, and shall—

(a) forthwith serve a copy of the report on the owner or occupier of the place searched or a person from whom anything was taken; and

(b) within fourteen days—

(i) deliver a copy of the report to the Master who issued the search warrant, or if delivery to that Master is not possible, to another Master; and

(ii) file the report in the High Court.

(4) A report under subsection (3) shall be in the form set out as Form 1 in Schedule 1.

Form 1  
Schedule 1

(5) For the purposes of safe keeping anything seized under this section for the purpose of evidence in criminal proceedings, the Commissioner of Police shall cause it to be detained in the custody of

the police or a person authorised by him to receive it.

(6) A person shall, during any period that he is assigned responsibility for the safe keeping of anything seized under this section, take all reasonable care to ensure that it is preserved for the purpose of evidence in criminal proceedings.

(7) Notwithstanding subsection (5), a Master may, on the application of a prosecutor or the owner of anything seized under this section, order that—

- (a) a police photographer take photographs of the thing seized in the presence of a Justice of the Peace, the owner and, where practicable, the suspect or his authorised representative;
- (b) the returns set out as Form 2 and Form 3 in Schedule 1 be duly completed and filed, together with the photographs, in the High Court; and
- (c) the thing seized be restored to its owner after the photographs and forms have been filed, and the photographs and forms shall be admissible as evidence of the thing seized.

(8) Where the owner or a suspect or his authorised representative referred to in subsection (7)(a) refuses to sign the return set out as Form 3 in Schedule 1, the police photo-grapher and the Justice of the Peace shall make a note of the refusal on the return and shall date and initial the form.

(9) Except as provided for under this Act or any other law, where anything seized under this section is no longer required for the purpose of evidence in any criminal proceedings, the Master shall, whether or not the proceedings have been determined, direct the thing seized to be restored to the person from whom it was taken unless a written law authorizes or requires the disposition of the thing in a different manner.

(10) Where any forged bank note, bank note paper, instrument, or other thing, the possession of which, in the absence of lawful excuse, is an indictable offence according to any written law for the time being in force, is seized under this section, a Master may, if an indictment is not preferred, order the thing to be destroyed.

(11) Where the thing to be searched for under this section is any explosive or dangerous or noxious substance or thing, the person making the search shall

have the same powers and protection as are given by any written law for the time being in force to any person lawfully authorized to search for any such thing, and the thing itself shall be disposed of in the manner directed by the written law or, in default of such direction, by the Commissioner of Police.”.

Section 6 amended

**5.** Section 6 of the Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1)(b), by deleting the words “a warrant” and substituting the words “an arrest warrant”;
- (b) by inserting after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“ (1A) A complaint shall be in the form set out as Form 4 in Schedule 1.”; and

Form 4

Schedule 1

- (c) in subsection (3), by deleting the words “a warrant” and substituting the words “an arrest warrant”.

Section 7 amended

**6.** Section 7 of the Act is amended by inserting after subsection (8), the following subsection:

“ (9) A summons shall be in the form set out as Form 5 in Schedule 1.”.

Form 5 Schedule 1

Section 8 amended

**7.** Section 8 of the Act is amended—

- (a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“ (1) In determining whether to issue an arrest warrant, a Master shall consider—

- (a) the nature and seriousness of the offence;



- (b) the likelihood of the accused evading service of a summons;
  - (c) the character, antecedents, associations and social ties of the accused; and
  - (d) any other factor which appears to be relevant.”;
- (b) in subsection (2), by deleting the words “A warrant under this section or section 6” and substituting the words “An arrest warrant”;
- (c) in subsections (3), (4) and (6), by deleting the words “a warrant” wherever they occur and substituting in each place the words “an arrest warrant”;
- (d) in subsection (5)—
- (i) by inserting after the words “a Master may”, the words “on oath taken before him by a complainant”;
  - (ii) by deleting the words “if he thinks fit,”; and
  - (iii) by deleting the words “a warrant” and substituting the words “an arrest warrant”.
- (e) by repealing subsection (7).

8. The Act is amended by inserting after section 8, the Section 8A inserted following section:

“Appearance before Magistrate 8A. (1) Where an accused charged with an offence triable only on indictment appears before a Magistrate under section 8(6), the Magistrate shall, after informing him of the charge, forthwith

order that the accused be brought as soon as practicable before a Master to be dealt with in accordance with Part II.

(2) Where an accused charged with an either-way offence appears before a Magistrate under section 8(6), the Magistrate shall, after informing him of the charge—

(a) order that the accused be brought as soon as practicable before a Master to be dealt with in accordance with Part II if the prosecutor informs the Magistrate that the case is to be tried on indictment; or

(b) proceed with a view to summary trial if the prosecutor informs the Magistrate that the case is to be dealt with summarily.

(3) Where a Magistrate makes an order under subsection (1) or (2)(a), the Magistrate shall, at the same time, order that any summary offence with which the accused is charged and which appears to the Magistrate to be related to the indictable offence referred to in subsection (1) or (2), be tried in the High Court together with the indictable offence.

(4) Where it appears to a Magistrate that an accused is charged with an either-way or summary offence which is related to an indictable or summary offence which has previously been the subject of an order under subsection (1), (2)(a) or (3), the Magistrate shall, where it is reasonably practicable to

do so, order that the either-way or summary offence be tried in the High Court together with the indictable or summary offence.

(5) Where a Magistrate makes an order under subsection (1), (2)(a), (3) or (4), the Magistrate shall issue a notice to the Registrar specifying the offence or offences with which the accused has been charged and the Magistrate shall cause—

- (a) a copy of the notice to be filed in the High Court and served on the accused; and
- (b) a copy of each complaint to be filed in the High Court.

(6) Where an order is made under subsection (3) or (4), the Magistrate shall specify in the notice under subsection (5)—

- (a) the subsection under which the order is made; and
- (b) the offences which appear to the Magistrate to be related to each other.

(7) Where an order is made under subsection (1), (2)(a), (3) or (4), the accused shall appear before a Master on—

- (a) the next available session day as determined by the Registrar; or
- (b) such other session day as may, subject to the approval of the Registrar, be agreed between the accused and the prosecutor,

and for the purposes of this subsection, “session day” means a day on which the

High Court sits or is to sit in accordance with the Supreme Court of Judicature Act.

(8) A Magistrate may grant an accused bail in accordance with the Bail Act or, subject to section 54(1) of the Children Act, remand him in custody by warrant in the form set out as Form 6 in Schedule 1.

Form 6  
Schedule 1

(9) A Magistrate may adjourn the appearance of an accused before him under this section and the adjournment shall not, unless the accused and the prosecutor consent, be for longer than twenty-eight clear days.

(10) Where a Magistrate is satisfied that an accused who has been remanded is, by reason of illness, accident or other sufficient cause, unable to appear before him at an adjournment pursuant to subsection (9), the Magistrate may, in the absence of the accused, order him to be further remanded for no longer than twenty-eight clear days.”.

Section 9 amended

**9. Section 9 of the Act is amended—**

(a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“ (1) A Master may, on issuing an arrest warrant, grant the accused bail in accordance with the Bail Act by endorsing the arrest warrant with a direction in accordance with subsection (2).”; and

(b) in subsections (2) and (3), by deleting the words “a warrant” and the words “the

warrant”, wherever they occur, and substituting the words “an arrest warrant” and the words “the arrest warrant”, respectively.

10. Section 10 of the Act is amended—

Section 10 amended

(a) in subsection (1)—

- (i) by inserting after the word “Magistrates”, the words “and Magistracy Registrars and Clerks of the Court”;
- (ii) in paragraph (c), by inserting after the words “summons or”, the words “an arrest”;
- (iii) in paragraph (d), by deleting the word “and” in the last place where it occurs; and
- (iv) by inserting after paragraph (d), the following paragraph:

“(da) take recognisances; and”;

(b) by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(2) Where a Magistrate or Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court issues a search warrant, he shall endorse it with a direction that anything seized be dealt with in accordance with section 5 and that a copy of any document which is required under section 5(3)(b) to be—

- (a) delivered to a Master, be delivered to the Magistrate or Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court issuing the warrant, or where this is not

- practicable, to another Magistrate in the same Magisterial District; and
- (b) filed in the High Court, be filed in a Summary Court,

within the period specified in that section.

(2A) Where a Magistrate or Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court issues an arrest warrant, he shall endorse it with a direction that the person arrested be brought before a Master to be dealt with in accordance with Part II, or where this is not practicable, before a Magistrate, to be dealt with in accordance with section 8A.”;

(c) in subsection (3)—

- (i) by inserting after the words “a Magistrate”, the words “or Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court”; and
- (ii) by deleting the words “the Magistrate” and substituting the word “he”; and

(d) by inserting after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“ (4) A Master or Magistrate may issue a summons or an arrest warrant in order to compel the appearance before a Master or Magistrate of any person accused of having committed in any place, whether within or outside of Trinidad and Tobago, any

indictable offence triable according to law for the time being in force in Trinidad and Tobago.”.

11. Section 11 of the Act is amended—

Section 11 amended

(a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“ (1) Subject to section 12, where an accused appears or is brought before a Master in accordance with Part I, the Master shall conduct an initial hearing with respect to any offence with which the accused is charged and which, is—

(a) to be tried on indictment;  
and

(b) a summary offence which appears to the Master to be related to an offence which is to be tried on indictment.”; and

(b) in subsection (2)(h)—

(i) by deleting the words “Schedule 1” and substituting the words “Schedule 1A”;

(ii) by inserting after subparagraph (ii), the following subparagraph:

“(ia) the police shall submit to the Director of Public Prosecution—

(A) the complaint;

(B) any account given by the accused in an interview or statement;

- (C) any written statement of a witness or document exhibit;
- (D) a list of any other exhibits;
- (E) the accused's criminal record; and
- (F) any available statement of the effect of the offence on a victim, a victim's family or any other person;";

Section 12 amended

**12.** Section 12 of the Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words “offence specified in Schedule 2 and the Director of Public Prosecutions” and substituting the words “either-way offence and the prosecutor”; and
- (b) in subsection (2), by deleting the words “or imprisonment” and substituting the words “and imprisonment”.

Section 13 amended

**13.** Section 13 of the Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the word “five” and substituting the word “twenty-eight”; and
- (b) by inserting after subsection (3), the following subsections:
  - “ (3A) Where an accused intends to rely on an alibi in his defence to



a charge and he has not given particulars of the alibi to the Court pursuant to subsection (1), he shall within the period specified in subsection (1), serve on the Director of Public Prosecutions a notice of alibi in such form as is prescribed in the Rules of Court.

(3B) On trial on indictment, an accused shall not, without leave of the Court, adduce evidence of or in support of an alibi, unless he has previously given particulars of the alibi in accordance with subsection (1) or (3A).

(3C) Where the Court grants an accused person leave under subsection (3B) to adduce evidence of or in support of an alibi, the Court shall grant the prosecutor sufficient time to prepare to test the evidence.”.

**14.** Section 15 of the Act is amended by inserting after Section 15 amended subsection (2), the following subsection:

“ (3) Where a Master is of the view that any irregularity, illegality, defect or error mentioned in this section has occurred and that the ends of justice require it, he may make any necessary amendments, and, if it is expedient to do so, adjourn, upon such terms as he may think fit, the further hearing of the case.”.

**15.** Section 18 of the Act is amended by deleting the Section 18 amended words “Commissioner of Prisons” wherever they occur and substituting in each place the word “Keeper”.

Section 19 amended

**16.** Section 19 of the Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after subsection (5), the following subsection:

“ (5A) Failure by an accused to file any documents under section 11(2)(h)(iv) within the time specified in the Scheduling Order shall not affect the power of a Master to proceed with and conclude a sufficiency hearing or to take any other action permitted by this Act.”; and

(b) in subsection (6), by deleting the word “initial” and substituting the word “sufficiency”.

Section 20 amended

**17.** Section 20 of the Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1), by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) before making an order under section 23 and on the application of either side, give the prosecutor or the accused, as the case may be, an opportunity by way of submission orally or in writing, to show cause why the order should not be made.”; and

(b) by repealing subsection (3).

Section 21 amended

**18.** Section 21 of the Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (2)(d), by inserting after the word “was”, the words “, except in the case of a child under fourteen years of age,”;

(b) by inserting after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“ (3A) Notwithstanding section 91 of the Children Act, where a

statement is made by a child under the age of fourteen years, such statement shall be supported by a statement from a probation officer, child psychiatrist or any other person qualified to make an assessment of the child to assist the Court to determine whether the child is possessed of sufficient intelligence to justify the reception of his statement as evidence and understands the duty of speaking the truth and the consequences of not speaking the truth.”;

(c) in subsection (4)—

(i) in paragraph (d), by deleting the word “and” in the last place where it occurs;

(ii) by inserting after paragraph (d), the following paragraph:

“(da) where the statement is made by a person who does not speak English, his statement shall be taken through an interpreter and shall be—

(i) recorded on his behalf, read aloud and translated to him in English before he signs it or makes his mark thereon; and

(ii) accompanied by a declaration

that states that it has been read aloud and translated to him and he has signed or made his mark thereon; and”;

(d) by inserting after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“ (4A) For the purposes of subsection (4)(c), (d) and (da), the person who—

(a) records and reads the statement aloud to the person who cannot read or write under subsection (4)(c) or (d) respectively; or

(b) records, reads and translates the statement to the person who requires an interpreter under subsection (4)(da),

shall sign a declaration that the person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) understood what was written and confirmed that the statement was true and accurately reflected what he said.”.

Section 22 repealed  
and substituted

**19.** Section 22 of the Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

“Further  
evidence

22. (1) A Master, on application by the prosecutor or the accused, may permit either of them to file further evidence within such period as may be specified by the Master.

(2) Further evidence filed under subsection (1) shall be—

- (a) served on the other party; and
- (b) treated in the same manner as documents originally filed under Part II.”.

20. Section 23 of the Act is repealed and the following section is substituted: Section 23 repealed and substituted

“Final  
decision on  
sufficiency  
hearing

23. After reviewing the evidence submitted by the prosecutor and the accused and considering submissions, if any, pursuant to section 20(1)(b), a Master may—

- (a) discharge the accused pursuant to section 24;
- (b) order that the accused be put on trial pursuant to section 25;  
or
- (c) make any other order in relation to the case, the charge or the accused as provided for in this Act or under any other written law.”.

21. Section 24(1) of the Act is amended by deleting the words “a *prima facie* case against the accused is not made out” and substituting the words “there is not sufficient evidence to put the accused on trial for any indictable offence”. Section 24 amended

22. Section 25 of the Act is amended—

Section 25 amended

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words “a *prima facie* case is made out against the accused” and substituting the words “there is sufficient evidence to put the accused on trial”; and

(b) in subsection (2)—

- (i) by deleting the words “a *prima facie* case”;
- (ii) in paragraph (a), by deleting the words “is made out against the accused” and substituting the words “there is sufficient evidence to put the accused on trial”; and
- (iii) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words “is not made out against the accused” and substituting the words “there is not sufficient evidence to put the accused on trial”.

Sections 26A to 26C  
inserted

**23.** The Act is amended by inserting after section 26, the following sections:

“Use of  
certified copy  
of statements,  
etc.

26A. Notwithstanding section 26(3) but subject to section 26(4), where the original statement or part thereof, or any document mentioned in that section is lost or destroyed, a copy of the statement or part thereof, or of the document duly certified by the Registrar or the Master who held the initial hearing or sufficiency hearing, shall be regarded as the original statement or document, as the case may be and dealt with as such for purposes of this Act.

Fresh  
evidence

26B. Where an order to put an accused on trial has been made, or an indictment has been filed in relation to an accused, and additional evidence of a material nature in support of the offence becomes available, the new evidence may, with notice to the Court and the accused, be given as fresh evidence at the trial.

DPP to refer  
case to be  
dealt with  
summarily

26C. (1) If, after the receipt of the statements and other documents mentioned in section 26 or 26A, the Director of Public Prosecutions is of the opinion that the accused person should not have been committed for trial, but that the case should have been dealt with summarily, the Director of Public Prosecutions may, if he thinks fit, refer the case to a Magistrate for summary trial.

(2) Where the Director of Public Prosecutions refers a case under subsection (1), the following provisions shall have effect:

- (a) where the accused person is in custody, the Magistrate shall, by an order in writing under his hand, direct the Keeper of the prison having the custody of the accused person to convey him or cause him to be conveyed to the place named in the order for the purpose of being dealt with as the Magistrate may direct; or
- (b) where the accused person is on bail, the Magistrate shall issue a summons for his attendance at a time and place named in the summons; and
- (c) thereafter the proceedings shall be continued under the provisions of this Act or of the Summary Courts Act, as the case may be, and, if under the Summary Courts Act, in the same manner as if the

Magistrate had himself formed an opinion in terms of section 94 of that Act.

(3) If the accused person does not attend in obedience to the summons under subsection (2)(b), the Magistrate shall issue a warrant for his apprehension.”.

Section 27 amended

**24.** Section 27(3) of the Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting after the words “files an indictment”, the words “under section 6(2)”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), by deleting the word “or”;  
and
- (c) by inserting after paragraph (b), the following paragraphs:

“(ba) where the accused is charged with an offence involving serious or complex fraud;

(bb) where a Magistrate was unable to complete a preliminary enquiry before the coming into force of this Act, or a Master is unable to complete a sufficiency hearing, because of his—

- (i) physical or mental infirmity;
- (ii) resignation;
- (iii) retirement;
- (iv) death; or
- (v) inability for any other compelling reason,

and the evidence filed before the Master discloses, in the opinion of the Director of Public Prosecutions, sufficient evidence to put the accused on trial; or”.



**25.** Section 28(1) of the Act is amended—

Section 28 amended

- (a) by inserting after the word “Master” in the last place where it occurs, the words “shall say to him the following words, or words to the like effect: “Do you wish the witnesses to appear to give evidence against you at your trial? If you do not, you will now be committed for sentence, instead of being committed for trial.” and”;
- (b) in paragraph (a), by deleting the word “shall” and substituting the word “may”;
- (c) in paragraph (b), by deleting the word “shall” and substituting the word “may”.

**26.** The Act is amended by inserting after section 28, Sections 28A to 28E inserted the following sections:

“Recording  
answer of  
accused

28A. (1) Where the accused person, in answer to the question referred to in section 28(1)(a), states that he does not wish the witnesses to appear to give evidence against him, his statement of guilt and his answer shall be taken down in writing and read to him and shall be signed by the Master, the accused and his Attorney-at-law and shall be kept with the statements of the witnesses.

(2) In any such case as mentioned in this section, the Master shall, instead of committing the accused person for trial, order him to be committed for sentence before the High Court, and in the meantime, the Master shall, by his warrant, commit the accused to prison to be there safely kept until the sittings of that Court, or until he is admitted to bail or delivered by due course of law.

(3) A statement of guilt made by an accused under this section shall be received in evidence upon its mere production, without further proof, by the Court before which he is brought for sentence.

(4) The Master shall, as soon as is practicable after the committal for sentence of the accused person, transmit to the Director of Public Prosecutions the record or the proceedings and the Director of Public Prosecutions shall prefer and file in the High Court an indictment against the accused person committed for sentence within four months of the committal for sentence.

Bail on  
committal for  
trial

28B. (1) If an accused person who is committed for trial or sentencing is granted bail, the recognisance of bail shall be taken in writing either from the accused person and one or more sureties or from the accused person alone, in the discretion of the Master, according to the Bail Act, and shall be signed by the accused person and his surety or sureties, if any.

(2) The condition of such recognisance shall be that the accused person shall personally appear before the Court at any time from the date of the recognisance to answer to any indictment that may be filed against him in the Court, and that he will not depart the Court without leave of the Court, and that he will accept service of any such indictment at some place to be named in such condition.

(3) The recognisance may be in the form set out in Schedule 4A. Schedule 4A

28C. Where an accused person is granted bail under section 28B, a Master may, if he sees fit, on the application of the surety or of either of the sureties of such person, and on information being laid in writing and upon oath by the surety, or by some person on his behalf, that there is reason to believe that the person so bailed is about to abscond for the purpose of evading justice, issue his warrant for the apprehension of the person so bailed, and afterwards, on being satisfied that the ends of justice would otherwise be defeated, commit such person when so arrested to prison until his trial, or until he produces another sufficient surety or other sufficient sureties, as the case may be, in like manner as before.

Apprehension of accused on bail but about to abscond

28D. (1) Where an accused released on bail is subsequently indicted by the Director of Public Prosecutions for a non-bailable offence, a Master or Magistrate shall, on being informed of the fact by any police officer of the First Division of the Police Service, issue his warrant for the arrest of the accused and commit him to prison in the same manner as if he had been originally committed for trial for the offence for which he is indicted.

Power to revoke or require higher bail

(2) For the purposes of this section, a person is indicted when the indictment against him is filed in the High Court.

(3) Where an accused who is committed for trial has been released on bail and circumstances arise which, if the accused had not been admitted to bail, would justify refusing bail or requiring bail of greater amount, a Judge or Master may, on the circumstances being brought to his notice by any police officer of the First Division of the Police Service, issue his warrant for the arrest of the accused, and, after giving the accused an opportunity of being heard, may either commit him to prison to await trial or grant him bail for the same or an increased amount, as the Judge or Master may think just.

Place of  
commitment

28E. All persons committed to prison under this Act shall be committed to such prison as is determined by the Commissioner of Prisons.”.

Section 30 amended

**27.** Section 30 of the Act is amended by repealing subsection (7) and substituting the following subsections:

“ (7) The Director of Public Prosecutions shall, at least twenty-eight days before the date fixed for trial, give notice to the Registrar of the names of the witnesses whom he desires to attend at the trial of an accused at the High Court.

(8) The Registrar shall, on receipt of a notice under subsection (7), *subpoena* the witnesses in accordance with the procedure set out in section 17 of the Criminal Procedure Act.

(9) An accused may also give notice to the Registrar of the names of witnesses whom he desires to attend at

trial and the Registrar shall *subpoena* such witnesses in like manner as for the prosecution.

(10) Every person committed for trial, whether granted bail or not, shall be entitled, at any reasonable time before the trial, to have copies of the statements, documentary exhibits and the lists of exhibits relating to the sufficiency hearing from the Registrar.”.

**28.** Section 31(1) of the Act is amended—

Section 31 amended

(a) by inserting after the words “No person shall”, the words “, unless a Court directs otherwise,”;

(b) by deleting in paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) the name, image, address and occupation of an accused who has attained the age of eighteen years or over;”;

(c) in paragraph (b), by deleting the full stop and substituting the words “; and”; and

(d) by inserting after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:

“(c) submissions on any point of law arising in the course of the sufficiency hearing, and the decision of the Master thereon.”.

**29.** Section 33 of the Act is amended—

Section 33  
amended

(a) in the marginal note, by inserting after the words “Chap. 12:01”, the words “Act No. 14 of 2014”; and

(b) by deleting the word “is” and substituting the words “and the Indictable Offences (Committal Proceedings) Act, 2014 are”.

Schedule 1 inserted

**30.** The Act is amended by renumbering Schedule 1 as Schedule 1A and inserting after section 35, the following Schedule:

“SCHEDULE 1

FORM 1

[Section 5(4)]

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

REPORT TO A MASTER IN RESPECT TO A SEARCH  
WARRANT ISSUED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
JUSTICE (INDICTABLE PROCEEDINGS) ACT, 2011\*

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(CRIMINAL DIVISION)

To Master .....

I, (name, rank and regimental number of police officer) have in execution of a search warrant issued by you / (name of Master / Magistrate) on (date)

- 1. Searched (description of place) situated at (location of place); and
- 2. Seized the following things:

Things seized

(Describe each thing seized)

(Date)

(Signature of police officer)

A copy of this Report was served on the undersigned, being the owner / occupier of the place searched or a person from whom something was taken.

(Date)

(Name, address, ID No. and Signature/Mark of  
Owner/Occupier/Person)

(Date)

(Signature of police officer)

\* To be completed in triplicate

FORM 2

[Section 5(7)]

RETURN OF PHOTOGRAPHER

I, (name, rank and number of regimental number of police officer) photographer did on (date) take (number) photograph(s) of (description of thing(s) seized) and the said photograph(s) was / were shown as numbers (numbers of exposures) on the photographic camera model / serial number (model and serial number of camera) which I used to take said photographs.

(Date)

(Signature)

FORM 3

[Section 5(7)]

RETURN OF WITNESS TO TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS

I, (name of person) of (address of person) was jointly present with (names of Justice of the Peace, Owner and Suspect as applicable) on (date) at (place) and witnessed the taking of (number) photograph(s) of (description of thing(s) seized) by (name, rank and regimental number of police photographer).

(Date)

(Name, address, ID No. and  
Signature/Mark of Witness)

(Date)

(Name, address, signature and  
seal of Justice of the Peace)

FORM 4

[Section 6(1A)]

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

COMPLAINT WITHOUT / UPON OATH  
INDICTABLE OFFENCE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (CRIMINAL  
DIVISION) / MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF .....

A.B. Complainant

v.

C.D. Accused

The complaint of A.B. of [address] who said without oath/on this  
oath / affirmation that C.D., of [address] (1) .....

.....

.....  
Signature of Complainant

\*[Taken before me this ..... day of ....., 20...at .....

.....  
(Master/Magistrate/Magistracy Registrar  
and Clerk of the Court)]

(1) State concisely the substance of the complaint.

\* Delete if complaint is without oath

FORM 5

[Section 7(9)]

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

SUMMONS TO ACCUSED ON COMPLAINT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (CRIMINAL  
DIVISION) / MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF .....

A.B. Complainant

v.

C.D. Accused



To C.D. of [address] .....

Whereas complaint has this day been made before me, the undersigned Master [or Magistrate/Magistracy Registrar and Clerk of the Court for the ..... District], for that you (1) ..... This is to command you to be and appear at ..... o'clock ..... m., on ..... the ..... day of ....., 20....., at ..... Before [Master/Magistrate] to be further dealt with according to law.

Dated this ..... day of ....., 20.....

(Signed) .....  
(Master / Magistrate/Magistracy Registrar  
and Clerk of the Court)

(1) State concisely the substance of the complaint

FORM 6

[Section 8A(8)]

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD TOBAGO

WARRANT REMANDING A PRISONER

TO: POLICE OFFICERS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

You are hereby commanded forthwith to arrest, if necessary, and convey to the .....  
[Name of Prison]

.....  
XY

who has been remanded to .....  
[Period of Remand]

And I hereby command you, the Keeper of the said prison, to receive each of the said persons into your custody in the prison and keep him safely until the day when his remand expires and then to have him before me or any other Magistrate at ..... o'clock of the

said day, there to answer to the charge and to be dealt with according to law, unless you are otherwise ordered before that time.

Dated this ..... day of ..... , 20.....

at .....

.....  
Magistrate”.

Schedule 2 amended

**31.** Schedule 2 of the Act is amended in item 35, by deleting the words “7, 8,” and the words “21,”.

Schedule 4A inserted

**32.** The Act is amended by inserting after Schedule 4, the following Schedule:

“SCHEDULE 4A

[Section 28B(3)]

RECOGNISANCE OF BAIL ON COMMITTAL

THE STATE

*Against*

*A.B. on the charge of C.D. for [state offence briefly].*

At ..... in the said Trinidad and Tobago on this ..... day of ..... in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand .....of ..... in the said Trinidad and Tobago, acknowledges himself to be indebted to the State, in the sum of....., and ..... of ..... acknowledges himself to be indebted to the State, in the sum of .....; upon condition that, if the said ..... do personally appear before the High Court, in the ..... of ..... to answer to any indictment that shall be presented against him in the said..... Court in or about the premises, from

the date of this acknowledgment, and do not depart the Court without leave, and do accept service of any such indictment at the residence of ..... situated in ..... in the ..... of ..... and that the said ..... in the meantime be of good behaviour, and keep the peace towards the State and especially towards ..... then this recognisance to be void; or else to remain in full force. And the said .....

severally acknowledge themselves debtors *in solidum* to the State in the sums hereinbefore respectively, acknowledged by them upon the property of them and each of them, to the use of the State, to be levied in due form of law, in case of default made in the condition of this recognisance or obligation.

Acknowledged by the said .....on the ..... day of ..... 20.....

Witness.....

Before me,

.....  
(Master)".

Passed in the House of Representatives this 11th day of January, 2019.

J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL  
*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 30th day of January, 2019.

**B. CAESAR**  
*Clerk of the Senate (Ag.)*

Senate amendments were agreed to by the House of Representatives this 1st day of February, 2019.

**J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL**  
*Clerk of the House*