

## Uniform Jurors Act (Qualifications and Exemptions)

(1976 Proceedings, page 182)

1. Every person has the right and duty to serve as a juror unless disqualified or exempted under this Act. Jury duty
2. A person is disqualified from serving as a juror who Disqualification is
  - (a) not a Canadian citizen;
  - (b) not resident in the province;
  - (c) under the age of majority;
  - (d) a member or officer of the Parliament of Canada or of the Privy Council of Canada;
  - (e) a member or officer of the Legislature or of (*the Executive Council*);
  - (f) a judge, magistrate or justice of the peace;
  - (g) an officer or employee of the Department of Justice or of the Solicitor-General of the Government of Canada;
  - (h) an officer or employee of the (*Department of the Attorney General*) of the Government of the Province;
  - (i) a barrister or solicitor;
  - (j) a court official;
  - (k) a sheriff or sheriff's officer;
  - (l) a peace officer (or member of a police force);
  - (m) a warden, correctional officer or person employed in a penitentiary, prison or correctional institution;
  - (n) a spouse of a person mentioned in clause (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l) or (m);
  - (o) afflicted with blindness or deafness or a mental or physical infirmity incompatible with the discharge of the duties of a juror;
  - (p) a person convicted within the previous five years of an offence for which the punishment could be a fine of one thousand dollars or more or imprisonment for one year or more, unless he has been pardoned; or

- (q) charged with an offence for which the punishment could be a fine of one thousand dollars or more or imprisonment for one year or more.

Language  
difficulty

**3.** Where the language in which a trial is to be conducted is one that a person is unable to understand, speak or read, he is disqualified from serving as a juror in the trial.

Grounds for ex-  
emption

**4.** A person may apply to be exempted from serving as a juror on the grounds that

(a) he belongs to a religion or a religious order that makes service as a juror incompatible with the beliefs or practices of the religion or order;

(b) serving as a juror may cause serious hardships or loss to him or others.

Exemption for  
person over 75

**5.** A person over the age of seventy-five years shall, on application, be exempted from serving as a juror.

*(NOTE: The Act should provide procedures by which persons may claim and be granted exemption.)*

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