J. Y. Interpretation No.429 (June 6, 1997) *

ISSUE: Is Article 4, Paragraph 2, of the Regulation Governing the Training of Public Functionaries Passing High Level or Ordinary Level Civil Test? Examination, which confers no exemption of practical training, in contravention to the Public Functionaries Examination Act and the Constitution?

RELEVANT LAWS:

Articles 7 and 18 of the Constitution (憲法第七條、第十八條); Article 20, Paragraph 1, of the Public Functionaries Examination Act (公務人員考試法第二十條第一項); Article 4, Paragraph 2, of the Regulation Governing the Training of Public Functionaries Passing High Level or Ordinary Level Civil Test (公務人員高等暨普通考試訓練辦法第四條第二項).

KEYWORDS:

public functionaries (公務人員), high level civil service examination (高等考試), ordinary level civil service examination (普通考試), qualification (及格), basic training (基礎訓練), practical training (實務訓練), assign (分發), appoint (任用), waiver (抵免), exempt (免除), commissioned (實授).**

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HOLDING: Article 21, Paragraph 1, of the Public Functionaries Examination Act, implemented on January 24, 1986, states that, "Training shall be given to those who pass the high level or ordinary level civil service examinations, according to each respective examinee's qualified category. Certificates, assignments and appointments shall only be issued or made to those who satisfactorily complete the training." (The wording in Article 20, Paragraph 1, of the same Act currently in force stipulates the same.) Accordingly, public functionaries, after passing the high level or ordinary level civil service written examination, shall receive training and after receiving satisfactory training scores, shall have completed the examination procedures. Since training is part of the statutory examination procedures, unless otherwise provided in other laws or regulations, no waiver of training shall be allowed. Article 4, Paragraph 2, of the Regulation Governing the Training of Public Functionaries Passing High Level or Ordinary Level Civil Test prescribing that no waiver is allowed for practical training is

consistent with said legislative intent [of Article 21, Paragraph 1, of the Public Functionaries Examination Act], and is not in contravention to the Constitution.

REASONING: Article 21, Paragraph 1, of the Public Functionaries Examination Act, implemented on January 24, 1986, states that, "Training shall be given to those who have passed the high level or ordinary level civil service examination, according to the respective examinee's qualified category. Certificates, assignments and appointments shall only be issued or made to those who satisfactorily complete the training." (The wording in Article 20, Paragraph 1, of the same Act currently in force stipulates the same.) Article 21, Paragraph 1, prescribes the procedures of civil service examinations, i.e., after passing the written examination and completing the training, the examination procedure will be completed. Article 21, Paragraph 2, of the same Act authorizes the promulgation of the Regulation Governing the Training of Public Functionaries Passing High Level or Ordinary Level Civil Test in order to ensure

解釋理由書:七十五年一月二 十四日公布之公務人員考試法第二十一 條第一項規定:「公務人員高等考試與 普通考試及格者,按錄取類、科接受訓 練,訓練期滿成績及格者,發給證書, 分發任用。」(現行法第二十條第一項 之規定意旨亦同)是公務人員高普考筆 試及格後,須經訓練,訓練期滿成績及 格,始為完成法定考試程序。依同法條 第二項授權訂定之公務人員高等暨普通 考試訓練辦法,旨在增進工作知能,加 強考用之配合。同辦法第四條第一項規 定:「本訓練分基礎訓練與實務訓練雨 階段,其期間合計四個月至一年。」其 第二項規定:「本辦法實施前曾應公務 人員高等、普通考試及格之現任或曾任 公務人員;或曾依本辦法之規定接受基 礎訓練成績及格者,得免除基礎訓練, 惟實務訓練期間與分兩階段實施者 同。」明示公務人員高等及普通考試筆 試錄取人員之訓練分為兩階段實施,前 階段之基礎訓練係以充實初任公務人員 應具備之基本觀念及有關業務之一般知

the competence of future civil servants and strengthen the connection between examinations and appointments. Article 4, Paragraph 1, of the said Regulation provides that: "The period of training, lasting from four months to a year, can be divided into two portions, basic training and practical training." Said Article 4, Paragraph 2, further states that: "those current or former public functionaries who qualified after passing the high level or ordinary level civil service examination before the implementation of the said Regulation or completed the basic training after the said implementation, may be exempted from basic training; whereas, the length of the practical training for those exempted public functionaries is the same as that of regular ones." Consequently, training for qualified candidates who have passed the high level or ordinary level civil service examination can be divided into two parts. The first part of basic training is designed to instill the basic concepts and knowledge of new public functionaries; the second part of practical training is designed to strengthen jobrelated professional knowledge and skills.

識為主,而後階段之實務訓練則以增進有關工作所需知能為專業訓練之重別練則以增進高關工作所需知能為專業訓練之重則,實務訓練民事的而實施,對於不可以與一個人工,對於不可以與一個人工,對於不可以與一個人工,對於不可以與一個人工,對於不可以與一個人工,對於不可以與一個人工,不可以與一個人工,不可以與一個人工,不可以與一個人工,不可以與一個人工,不可以與一個人工,不可以與一個人工,不可以其實際經驗抵免實務訓練,是一個主管機關檢討改進。

Since practical training is based upon special purposes, the fact of whether a given candidate qualified for the high level or ordinary level civil service examination and served in the civil service before, or whether he/she has certain years of experience is not necessarily relevant. Article 4, Paragraph 2, does not make such distinctions and does not provide any exemptions. It shall apply to everyone who qualifies for the high level or ordinary level civil service examination, and is not in contravention to Articles 7 and 18 of the Constitution. Nevertheless, the question of whether examinees who served equivalent civil service as commissioned public functionaries before taking the high level or ordinary level civil service examination in a specific category are absolutely prohibited from waiving the practical training may be further reviewed by the competent authority.