

Legal Profession (Admission) Rules 2011

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No. S 244

**LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
(CHAPTER 161)**

**LEGAL PROFESSION
(ADMISSION)
RULES 2011**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 10(1) and (2) of the Legal Profession Act, the Board of Directors of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education, after consulting the Minister for Law and the Council of the Law Society of Singapore, hereby makes the following Rules:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Admission) Rules 2011 and shall come into operation on 3rd May 2011.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Malayan practitioner” means any person entitled to practise before a High Court in any part of West Malaysia;

“master” means a person with whom a qualified person has served his period of pupillage before 9th October 2009;

“Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations” means Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations conducted —

(a) before 3rd May 2011, by the Board of Legal Education; or

(b) on or after 3rd May 2011, by —

(i) the Institute; or

(ii) the Institute and any other person appointed by the Board of Directors of the Institute;

“preparatory course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations” means the preparatory course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations conducted —

(a) before 3rd May 2011, by the Board of Legal Education; or

(b) on or after 3rd May 2011, by —

(i) the Institute; or

(ii) the Institute and any other person appointed by the Board of Directors of the Institute;

“qualifying relevant legal officer” has the same meaning as in rule 14(1)(b)(ii);

“supervising solicitor” means a solicitor who is responsible for the supervision of a practice trainee while the latter is serving his practice training period under a practice training contract.

PART II

PRESCRIBED COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS

Courses prescribed for purposes of section 13(1)(d) of Act

3. For the purposes of section 13(1)(d) of the Act, a qualified person shall have attended and satisfactorily completed any of the following courses:

- (a) the preparatory course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations;
- (b) the Postgraduate Practical Course in Law conducted by the Board of Legal Education;
- (c) the Postgraduate Practical Course in Law conducted by the University of Malaya in Singapore or the University of Singapore;
- (d) the Post Final Practical Course of the Council of Legal Education in England ending no later than 31st December 1968.

Examinations prescribed for purposes of section 13(1)(e) of Act

4. Except as otherwise provided in rule 5, for the purposes of section 13(1)(e) of the Act, a qualified person shall have passed —

- (a) if he attended the course referred to in rule 3(a), Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations;
- (b) if he attended the course referred to in rule 3(b), the examinations for the Postgraduate Practical Course in Law conducted by the Board of Legal Education;
- (c) if he attended the course referred to in rule 3(c), the examinations for the Postgraduate Practical Course in Law conducted by the University of Malaya in Singapore or the University of Singapore, as the case may be; or
- (d) if he attended the course referred to in rule 3(d), the examinations for the Post Final Practical Course of the Council of Legal Education in England ending no later than 31st December 1968.

Examinations prescribed for purposes of rule 18(2) of Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules

5.—(1) In the case of a qualified person who is a Malayan practitioner and who wishes to rely on rule 18(2) of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules (R 15), the examination prescribed for the purposes of section 13(1)(e) of the Act and rule 18(2) of