

Singapore Academy of Law Rules

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SINGAPORE ACADEMY OF LAW RULES

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1. These Rules may be cited as the Singapore Academy of Law Rules.

Definitions

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

“committee” means any committee or board appointed by the Senate under section 10 of the Act but does not include a sub-committee appointed under rule 16;

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“goods and services tax” means the prevailing goods and services tax payable under the Goods and Services Tax Act (Cap. 117A);

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“Notarial Certificate” means a Notarial Certificate issued and signed by a notary public under rule 8 of the Notaries Public Rules (Cap. 208, R 1);

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“subscription year” means the calendar year or part thereof for which a member is liable to pay an annual subscription under rule 3.

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Annual subscriptions

3.—(1) The annual subscriptions (inclusive of goods and services tax) payable to the Academy, by the categories of members set out in the Fourth Schedule, shall be as specified in that Schedule.

[S 493/2010 wef 02/09/2010]

(1A) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the category of a member is determined as at

1st January of each subscription year, or the date when the member first becomes a member, whichever is the later date.

[S 493/2010 wef 02/09/2010]

(2) The annual subscription of a person who is a Fellow of the Academy by virtue of section 12 (c) or (d) of the Act shall be waived where he does not have in force a practising certificate and is not any of the following:

- (a) a member of the Senate;
- (aa) a Judicial Service Officer;
- (b) a Legal Service Officer;
- (c) a teacher in law at any university or institution of higher learning; or
- (d) a person employed to perform legal work or the duties of a lawyer by the Government, a statutory body, a corporation or an unincorporated association.

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(3) The annual subscription of every associate member who is a law student shall, unless otherwise directed by the Senate, be waived so long as the associate member remains a law student.

(4) Annual subscriptions shall be payable within 30 days of becoming a member and in respect of each subsequent calendar year thereafter shall be payable in advance on or before 1st January of that year.

(5) Where a member's annual subscription is in arrears for more than 30 days, the Executive Board may withdraw the privileges of the Academy from the member.

[S 345/2015 wef 02/06/2015]

(6) The withdrawal of privileges from any member shall not prejudice the right of the Academy to recover the arrears of membership subscription due from the member.

(7) The Senate may, if it thinks fit, waive all or any part of the annual subscriptions.

Waiver of annual subscriptions

4.—(1) Where any member will, for any period of not less than 12 months —

- (a) be continuously absent from Singapore;
- (b) not be ordinarily resident or domiciled in Singapore;
- (c) not be in the profession of law; or
- (d) not be gainfully employed,

the Executive Board may, on his application, waive the annual subscription or

subscriptions payable in respect of such period as the Executive Board thinks fit.

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[S 775/2018 wef 01/12/2018]*

(2) Any application for waiver under paragraph (1) shall —

(a) be made in writing one month prior to or during the period to which the application relates, and in any case not later than 3 months after the expiry of each period of 12 months referred to in paragraph (1) unless the Executive Board agrees otherwise; and

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[S 775/2018 wef 01/12/2018]*

(b) set out the grounds and circumstances upon which the applicant is seeking the waiver of subscriptions.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a member shall be deemed not to be in the profession of law where he does not have in force a practising certificate and is not any of the following:

- (a) a member of the Senate;
- (aa) a Judicial Service Officer;

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(b) a Legal Service Officer;

[S 472/2009 wef 09/10/2009]

(c) a teacher in law at any university or institution of higher learning;

(d) a person employed to perform legal work or the duties of a lawyer by the Government, a statutory body, a corporation or an unincorporated association; or

(e) such other person who, in the opinion of the Executive Board, is carrying on activities so closely connected to the law or the profession of law as to be regarded as being in the profession of law.

[S 345/2015 wef 02/06/2015]

Executive Board

5.—(1) An Executive Board comprising the following individuals is appointed under section 10 of the Act:

- (a) a chairperson who is the President of the Academy;
- (b) the Attorney-General;
- (c) the President of the Law Society;
- (d) 5 members of the Senate;