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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT (CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION (AMENDMENT) RULES 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(3) and (4) of the Legal Profession Act, the Board of Legal Education hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Amendment) Rules 2006 and shall come into operation on 16th October 2006.

New rule 10A

2. The Legal Profession Rules (R 3) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 10, the following rule:

"Exemption under rule 15A of Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules

10A.—(1) An application for an exemption under rule 15A of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules (R 15) shall be made in Form I.

(2) The applicant for the exemption shall —

- (*a*) if required by the Board, appear before an interview panel appointed by the Board at such time and place as the Board may notify him; and
- (*b*) produce to the Board any certificate (or a certified copy thereof) relating to the qualifications by virtue of which he seeks the exemption and any other document as the Board may require.

(3) The Board may from time to time appoint one or more interview panels consisting of at least 2 members (at least one member of which shall be appointed from among the members of

the Board) and each interview panel shall consider and report to the Board on all applications for exemption under rule 15A of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules referred to it by the Board.

(4) A certificate of exemption granted by the Board under rule 15A of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules shall be in Form J.".

Amendment of Schedule

3. The Schedule to the Legal Profession Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after Form H, the following Forms:

"FORM I

Rule 10A (1)

LEGAL PROFESSION ACT (CHAPTER 161)

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION UNDER RULE 15A OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION (QUALIFIED PERSONS) RULES

(For overseas law graduates with lower second class honours or its equivalent from any of the institutions of higher learning in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand or the United States of America as specified in the Schedules to the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules.)

> The Secretary Board of Legal Education Conference Room (9th Floor) Subordinate Courts Building 1 Havelock Square Singapore 059724.

(B) Failure to complete the form as required or to enclose necessary enclosures may lead to rejection of the application. To avoid unnecessary delay and correspondence, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM FULLY AS REQUIRED.

2. OTHER PARTICULARS

Place of Birth:	Date of Birth:
Marital Status: Single Married	Divorced Separated Widowed
Sex: Male Female	Race: Religion:
NRIC No./Passport No.:	Languages Spoken:
	se attach certified true copy of relevant

3. ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) IN SINGAPORE

Postal Ad	dress			
Tel. Nos.:	(a)	home:	(b)	pager:
	(c)	office: ext	(<i>d</i>)	mobile:
Email Ad	dress			

4. EDUCATION

- (A) Overseas Degree (Bachelor of Laws)
 - (i) Degree and Name of University:
 - (ii) Date of Degree:
 - (iii) Class of Degree or Class Ranking in terms of academic performance, of the total number of graduates in the same batch:
 - (iv) Date of admission as a candidate to the University:
 - (v) Date of commencement of course:
- (B) Other relevant Degrees, diplomas, certificates, awards and honours obtained (Please state the educational institution attended)

Dates	Degrees, diplomas, certificates, awards and honours obtained		

Note: If there is insufficient space on this page, you may furnish the information on additional pages attached to this Form.

(C) Publications (if any) Please give details of any legal publications which you have written or edited. Note: If there is insufficient space on this page, you may furnish the information on additional pages attached to this Form. 5. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (where applicable) (Please enclose certified true copies of qualifications.) (a) Solicitor of England & Wales Date of passing Solicitors' Finals: Date of admission to the Roll of Solicitors: (b) Solicitor of Hong Kong Date of passing Solicitors' Finals: Date of admission to the Roll of Solicitors: 6. OTHER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION(S) (where applicable) (a) English Bar Inns of Court: Date of Call: (b) Any other Professional Qualification (please specify) with date of qualifying and Class of Qualification (if known). (c) If you are qualified in more than one jurisdiction, state all the jurisdictions and date of admission as a legal practitioner in each jurisdiction. (d) If you have practised in more than one jurisdiction, state the number of years in active practice in each jurisdiction. 7. GOOD STANDING AND CHARACTER (where applicable)

(1) The Secretary or other officer of the body charged with responsibility for investigating allegations of professional misconduct or breaches of professional discipline in Hong Kong or England & Wales or any other jurisdiction in relation to each of your professional qualifications listed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of this Form is required to sign the Certificate of Good Standing set out in Annex A.