

Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2006

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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT (CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION (QUALIFIED PERSONS) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) and (3) of the Legal Profession Act, the Minister for Law, after consultation with the Board of Legal Education, hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2006 and shall come into operation on 16th October 2006.

New rule 15A

2. The Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules (R 15) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 15, the following rule:

“Exemption for lower second class honours, etc.

15A.—(1) Subject to the requirements in this rule, the Board may exempt any

person from any of the requirements in rules 8(2)(ii)(A), 9(1)(a), 9(2)(a), 9(2A)(a) or 9A(1)(b).

(2) A person shall not apply for an exemption under paragraph (1) unless —

- (a) the person is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore;
- (b) in the case of an application for exemption from any of the requirements, as the case may be, in —
 - (i) rule 8(2)(ii)(A), the person has attained at least lower second class honours or the equivalent thereof in relation to the degree referred to therein;
 - (ii) rule 9(1)(a), the person has been ranked by the institution of higher learning referred to therein as being amongst the highest 70%, in terms of academic performance, of the total number of the graduates in the same batch referred to therein;
 - (iii) rule 9(2)(a), the person has been ranked by the institution of higher learning referred to therein as being amongst the highest 70%, in terms of academic performance, of the total number of the graduates in the same batch referred to therein;
 - (iv) rule 9(2A)(a), the person has been ranked by the institution of higher learning referred to therein as being amongst the highest 70%, in terms of academic performance, of the total number of the graduates in the same batch referred to therein; or
 - (v) rule 9A(1)(b), the person has been ranked by the institution of higher learning referred to therein as being amongst the highest 70%, in terms of academic performance, of the total number of the graduates in the same batch referred to therein; and
- (c) either the person —
 - (i) is a solicitor of England and Wales or of Hong Kong; or
 - (ii) has, after obtaining the degree referred to in subparagraph (b), been engaged in work of a legal nature for at