

Legal Profession (Practising Certificate) (Amendment) Rules 2005

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LEGAL PROFESSION (PRACTISING CERTIFICATE) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2005

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 25(7) and (8) of the Legal Profession Act, the Council of the Law Society of Singapore, with the approval of the Chief Justice, hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Practising Certificate) (Amendment) Rules 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2005.

New rules 4A and 4B

2. The Legal Profession (Practising Certificate) Rules (R 6) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 4, the following rules:

“Application for practising certificate to practice as locum solicitor

4A.—(1) In the case of an application for a practising certificate to practise as a locum solicitor, section 25(1)(a) of the Act shall be modified by replacing paragraphs (ii) and (iii) as follows:

- “(i the name of the solicitor, law firm or law corporation engaging
i) him, if he knows the name at the time of the application; and
- (ii the principal and any other address or addresses at which he
i) practises in Singapore, if he knows the address or addresses at the time of the application;”.

(2) An application for a practising certificate to practise as a locum solicitor shall be accompanied by an undertaking by the applicant not to practice as a locum solicitor unless such professional indemnity relating to his practice as a locum solicitor as prescribed in rules made under section 75A of the Act has been obtained.

Training requirements for locum solicitors

4B.—(1) The training required for the purposes of section 26(1A)(b) of the Act —

- (a) shall comprise 10 hours of training approved by the Council, of which 6 hours shall relate to areas of practice published on the website of the Law Society for the purposes of this rule; and
- (b) shall have been undertaken and completed by the solicitor during the period of 12 months immediately preceding his application for a practising certificate as a locum solicitor.

(2) Training provided by any institution or body named in a list published on the website of the Law Society for the purposes of this rule, in the areas of practice referred to in paragraph (1)(a), shall be deemed to be approved by the Council for the purposes of this rule.”.”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 7

3. Rule 7 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Form of practising certificate

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a practising certificate shall be in Form A or B set out in the Schedule.

(2) A practising certificate to practise as a locum solicitor shall be in Form C