

Commissioners for Oaths Rules 1995

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THE SCHEDULE

**SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT
(CHAPTER 322)
COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS RULES 1995**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 68(3) of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, the Senate of the Singapore Academy of Law hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Commissioners for Oaths Rules 1995 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1996.

Definitions

2. In these Rules —

“Academy” means the Singapore Academy of Law constituted under the Singapore Academy of Law Act [Cap. 294A];

“affidavit” includes affirmation, statutory or other declaration;

“oath” includes affirmation and declaration;

“swear” includes affirm and declare;

“Senate” means the Senate of the Academy;

“Secretary” means the Secretary to the Senate.

Persons eligible

3.—(1) Advocates and solicitors of not less than 7 years’ standing shall be eligible for appointment by the Senate as commissioners for oaths.

(2) Officers in the employment of Government ministries, departments, statutory boards and Government-linked companies shall be eligible for appointment by the Senate as commissioners for oaths.

(3) Court interpreters shall be eligible for appointment by the Senate as commissioners for oaths.

Duration of appointment

4.—(1) Commissioners for oaths shall be appointed for a period of one year and may be reappointed for each subsequent year as the Senate may, in its discretion, decide.

(2) In appointing commissioners for oaths, the Senate shall have regard to the number of commissioners already practising in the place where the applicant proposes to practise and to the convenience of the inhabitants of that place.

(3) The Senate may, in its discretion, appoint another person in the place of a commissioner for oaths who is away from Singapore or who is unable to discharge his duties as commissioner for oaths for more than 6 months.

Application procedure

5.—(1) Applications for reappointment as commissioners for oaths shall be lodged with the Secretary 2 clear months before the expiry of each preceding period of appointment.

(2) The procedure for applying for appointment or reappointment as a commissioner for oaths shall be as follows:

- (a) an advocate and solicitor shall lodge with the Secretary an application for his appointment or reappointment as a commissioner for oaths, setting forth —
 - (i) his date of admission to the roll of the Supreme Court and the number of years that he has been in practice;
 - (ii) whether he is or ever been an undischarged bankrupt or has made an arrangement with his creditors;
 - (iii) whether he has ever been convicted of any criminal offence;
 - (iv) whether he has ever been found guilty of any professional misconduct; or
 - (v) whether he has ever been struck off the roll of advocates and solicitors of the Supreme Court;
- (b) a person who is not an advocate and solicitor shall lodge with the Secretary an application for his appointment or reappointment as a commissioner for oaths, setting forth —
 - (i) where and for how long he has been employed;
 - (ii) the capacity in which he is applying for appointment as commissioner for oaths;