

Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules 1994

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**LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
(CHAPTER 161)**

LEGAL PROFESSION (QUALIFIED PERSONS) RULES 1994

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules 1994.

Definitions

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

“degree of Bachelor of Laws”, in relation to an institution of higher learning, includes any other degree or qualification in law, by whatever name called, which is conferred by that institution of higher learning;

“National University of Singapore” means the National University of Singapore established by the National University of Singapore Act [Cap. 204];

“twinning programme” means a course of study the teaching of which is undertaken —

- (a) partly by the institution of higher learning which confers the degree or qualification to which the course leads and partly by any other institution of higher learning; or
- (b) wholly by another institution of higher learning or jointly by several institutions of higher learning in conjunction with the institution of higher learning which confers the degree or qualification to which the course leads.

Date of admission as candidate for degree of Bachelor of Laws

3. For the purposes of these Rules, the date on which a person is admitted as a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Laws by the National University of Singapore or an institution of higher learning in the United Kingdom or elsewhere shall be the date on which he secures a place as a candidate for that degree in the National University of Singapore or the institution of higher learning, as the case may be.

PART II

GRADUATES FROM THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Persons admitted as candidates by National University of Singapore before 1st May 1993

4. Any person who was admitted as a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Laws by the National University of Singapore before 1st May 1993 and who after that date has passed or passes the final examination for that degree therein shall be a qualified person under paragraph (b) of the definition of “qualified person” in section 2(1) of the Act.

Persons admitted as candidates by National University of Singapore on or after 1st May 1993

5. Any person who has been or who is admitted as a candidate for the degree of

Bachelor of Laws by the National University of Singapore on or after 1st May 1993 and who subsequently passes the final examination for that degree therein shall be a qualified person under paragraph (b) of the definition of “qualified person” in section 2(1) of the Act if he has attained at least lower second class honours.

PART III

GRADUATES FROM INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR ELSEWHERE

Persons conferred degree of Bachelor of Laws by institutions in the United Kingdom before 1st May 1993

6. Any person who has been conferred the degree of Bachelor of Laws by an institution of higher learning in the United Kingdom before 1st May 1993 shall be a qualified person under paragraph (b) of the definition of “qualified person” in section 2(1) of the Act if he —

- (a) has become a barrister-at-law of England or of Northern Ireland, a member of the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland, a solicitor in England or Northern Ireland or a writer to the Signet, law agent or solicitor in Scotland; or
- (b) has obtained the Diploma in Singapore Law from the National University of Singapore.

Persons admitted as candidates by institutions in the United Kingdom before 1st May 1993

7. Subject to rule 9, any person who was admitted as a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Laws by any institution of higher learning in the United Kingdom before 1st May 1993 and who after that date has been or is conferred that degree by the institution of higher learning shall be a qualified person under paragraph (b) of the definition of “qualified person” in section 2(1) of the Act if he —

- (a) has become a barrister-at-law of England or of Northern Ireland, a member of the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland, a solicitor in England or Northern Ireland or a writer to the Signet, law agent or solicitor in Scotland; or
- (b) has obtained the Diploma in Singapore Law from the National University of Singapore.

Persons admitted as candidates by institutions in the United Kingdom on or after 1st May 1993