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1. These Rules may be cited as the Singapore Academy of Law Rules.

Definition

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, “committee” means —
 - (a) the Publications Committee;

- (b) the Committee on Legal Education and Studies;
- (c) the Law Reform Committee;
- (d) the Membership and Social Committee;
- (e) the Professional Affairs Committee;
- (f) the Board of Commissioners for Oaths and Notaries Public;
- (g) the Council of Law Reporting;
- (h) the LawNet Management Committee; or
- (i) any other committee or board appointed by the Senate to carry out such duties as may be directed by the Senate,

but shall not include the Executive Committee referred to in rule 5.

Annual subscriptions

3.—(1) The following categories of members shall pay the following annual subscriptions for 1992 and subsequent calendar years:

	<i>Category</i>	<i>Subscription</i>
(a)	Fellows who are persons other than those mentioned in section 12 (c) and (d) of the Act	\$1,000
(b)	Ordinary members where, at the time the subscription is payable in accordance with paragraph (4) —	
(i)	more than 12 years have elapsed from the date of admission as an advocate and solicitor or appointment as a legal officer, whichever is the earlier date	\$ 350
(ii)	not less than 7 years but not more than 12 years have elapsed from the date of admission as an advocate and solicitor or appointment as a legal officer, whichever is the earlier date	\$ 270
(iii)	less than 7 years have elapsed from the date of admission as an advocate and solicitor or appointment as a legal officer, whichever is the earlier date	\$ 120

- (c) Associate members who are persons other than law students \$ 200.

(2) The annual subscription of a person who is a Fellow of the Academy by virtue of section 12 (c) or (d) of the Act shall be waived where he does not have in force a practising certificate and is not any of the following:

- (a) a member of the Senate;
- (b) a legal officer;
- (c) a teacher in law at any university or institution of higher learning; or
- (d) a person employed to perform legal work or the duties of a lawyer by the Government, a statutory body, a corporation or an unincorporated association.

(3) The annual subscription of every associate member who is a law student shall, unless otherwise directed by the Senate, be waived so long as the associate member remains a law student.

(4) Annual subscriptions shall be payable within 30 days of becoming a member and in respect of each subsequent calendar year thereafter shall be payable in advance on or before 1st January of that year.

(5) Where a member's annual subscription is in arrears for more than 30 days, the Executive Committee may withdraw the privileges of the Academy from the member.

(6) The withdrawal of privileges from any member shall not prejudice the right of the Academy to recover the arrears of membership subscription due from the member.

(7) The Senate may, if it thinks fit, waive all or any part of the annual subscriptions.

Waiver of annual subscriptions

4.—(1) Where any member will, for any period of not less than 6 months —

- (a) be continuously absent from Singapore;
- (b) not be ordinarily resident or domiciled in Singapore;
- (c) not be in the profession of law; or
- (d) not be gainfully employed,

the Executive Committee may, on his application, waive the annual subscription or subscriptions payable in respect of such period as the Committee thinks fit.

(2) Any application for waiver under paragraph (1) shall —

- (a) be made in writing one month prior to or during the period to which the application relates, and in any case not later than 3 months after the expiry of each period of 6 months referred to in paragraph (1) unless the Executive Committee agrees otherwise; and
- (b) set out the grounds and circumstances upon which the applicant is seeking the waiver of subscriptions.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a member shall be deemed not to be in the profession of law where he does not have in force a practising certificate and is not any of the following:

- (a) a member of the Senate;
- (b) a legal officer;
- (c) a teacher in law at any university or institution of higher learning;
- (d) a person employed to perform legal work or the duties of a lawyer by the Government, a statutory body, a corporation or an unincorporated association; or
- (e) such other person who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, is carrying on activities so closely connected to the law or the profession of law as to be regarded as being in the profession of law.

Executive Committee

5.—(1) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of —

- (a) the President of the Academy;
- (b) the Vice-Presidents of the Academy; and
- (c) 3 other members appointed by the Senate.

(2) The Senate may entrust to and confer upon the Executive Committee any of the powers exercisable by the Senate upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as the Senate thinks fit.

(3) The Senate may, from time to time, revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any such powers conferred upon the Executive Committee.

(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be 4 members of the Executive Committee of whom one must be either the President or a Vice-President of the Academy.