

# **Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) (Amendment) Rules 2009**

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## **LEGAL PROFESSION ACT**

(CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION (QUALIFIED PERSONS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2009

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.**—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) (Amendment) Rules 2009 and shall, with the exception of rule 2(e), come into operation on 31st July 2009.

(2) Rule 2(e) shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st April 2006.

**Amendment of rule 2**

**2.** Rule 2 of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules (R 15) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “accelerated course”, the following definition:

“ “approved twinning programme” means a twinning programme —

(a) which leads to —

- (i) any degree specified in the First Schedule which is conferred on or after 1st January 1997;
- (ii) any degree specified in the Third Schedule which is conferred on or after 28th July 2003;
- (iii) any degree specified in the Fourth Schedule which is conferred on or after 1st August 2005; or
- (iv) any degree specified in the Fifth Schedule which is conferred on or after 1st January 2004; and

- (b) the teaching of which is undertaken partly by the institution of higher learning which confers that degree and partly by —
- (i) if that degree is conferred on or after 1st January 1997 but before 28th July 2003, one or more of the other institutions of higher learning specified in the First Schedule and the National University of Singapore;
  - (ii) if that degree is conferred on or after 28th July 2003 but before 1st January 2004, one or more of the other institutions of higher learning specified in the First and Third Schedules and the National University of Singapore;
  - (iii) if that degree is conferred on or after 1st January 2004 but before 1st August 2005, one or more of the other institutions of higher learning specified in the First, Third and Fifth Schedules and the National University of Singapore;
  - (iv) if that degree is conferred on or after 1st August 2005 but before 1st April 2008, one or more of the other institutions of higher learning specified in the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Schedules and the National University of Singapore; or
  - (v) if that degree is conferred on or after 1st April 2008, one or more of the other institutions of higher learning specified in the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Schedules, the National University of Singapore and the

Singapore Management University,  
and includes any such programme for which a  
candidate is given credit on account of any  
relevant diploma in law or relevant non-law  
degree attained by him prior to his admission  
as such candidate;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “National University of Singapore” in the definition of “Diploma in Singapore Law”, the words “before 1st September 2009”;
- (c) by deleting paragraph (b) of the definition of “full-time internal candidate” and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) a candidate under —

- (i) any correspondence course; or
- (ii) any twinning programme other than an approved twinning programme;”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “full-time internal candidate”, the following definition:

““Legal Service Officer” means an officer in the Singapore Legal Service;”;

- (e) by deleting the definition of “National University of Singapore” and substituting the following definition:

““National University of Singapore” means —

- (a) in relation to any event occurring before 1st April 2006, the National University of Singapore established under the repealed National University of Singapore Act (Cap. 204, 2002 Ed.); or
- (b) in relation to any event occurring on or after 1st April 2006, the university known as the “National University of Singapore” operated, maintained and promoted by the company

limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act (Cap. 50) under the name “National University of Singapore”;;

- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “National University of Singapore”, the following definitions:

“ “relevant diploma in law” means a diploma in law, by whatever name called, which is conferred on a person by a polytechnic in Singapore upon that person having successfully completed a course in law conducted by that polytechnic;

“relevant legal officer” means —

- (a) a Legal Service Officer; or
- (b) a legal officer of —
  - (i) the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore;
  - (ii) the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore;
  - (iii) the Singapore Land Authority;
  - (iv) the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore; or
  - (v) the National Environment Agency;

“relevant legal practice or work” means —

- (a) active practice as —
  - (i) a legal practitioner, by whatever name called, in any jurisdiction other than Singapore; or
  - (ii) a foreign lawyer in Singapore; or
- (b) work of a legal nature which is performed as a legal counsel in any corporation or other entity