

Legal Profession (Amendment) Rules 2005

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No. S 810

LEGAL PROFESSION ACT (CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION (AMENDMENT) RULES 2005

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(3) of the Legal Profession Act, the Board of Legal Education hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Amendment) Rules 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2006.

[G.N. Nos. S 668/2001; S 22/2004]

Amendment of rule 11

2. Rule 11 of the Legal Profession Rules (R 3) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by deleting paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(2) An applicant for admission shall produce to the Board —

- (a) a certificate in Form A as set out in the Schedule if he has attended the Postgraduate Practical Course in Law conducted by the Board; or
- (b) such other certificate as the Board may require if he has attended any of the other Courses mentioned in paragraph (1).

(3) The Secretary shall endorse on the certificate produced to the Board under paragraph (2) the date of its production and his signature.

(4) The Secretary shall keep a register for the purpose of recording the name of the person shown on each certificate, the date on which the certificate was granted to him and the date of production of the certificate to the Board.”.

Deletion and substitution of rules 12 and 13

3. Rules 12 and 13 of the principal Rules are deleted and the following rules substituted therefor:

“Procedure before filing of application for admission

12.—(1) A qualified person who intends to apply for admission as an advocate and solicitor shall before filing his application register his name with the Board and shall at the same time —

- (a) produce to the Board the certificate (or a certified copy thereof) relating to the qualification by virtue of which he claims to be a qualified person and any other document as the Board may require; and
- (b) inform the Board of the name and address of the master with whom he intends to serve his pupillage and the proposed date of commencement of such pupillage in such form or manner as the Board may require.

(2) On the Board’s approval of pupillage being given, the Secretary shall endorse on the certificate and document (or certified copies thereof) submitted in accordance with paragraph (1)(a) the date of their production to the Board and his own signature and shall enter in a register of qualified persons —

- (a) the name of the qualified person;
- (b) the date of the production of the certificate and document; and
- (c) the name and address of the master.

(3) The fee payable on registration shall be \$100.

(4) A qualified person shall first notify the Board in writing and obtain its approval if he intends to change his master, and the Secretary shall enter the date of the notice and approval in the register.

Certificates of good character

13.—(1) For the purpose of section 17(4)(c) of the Act, the 2 certificates of good character of the applicant shall be given by 2 responsible persons —

- (a) who are not immediately related to the applicant; and
- (b) who have known the applicant for 2 years or more and have had opportunities of judging the applicant's character.

(2) At least one of the 2 persons giving the certificates of good character of the applicant must be a resident of Singapore.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Board may accept in place of either or both of the certificates of good character or require in addition thereto such other evidence of good character as the Board thinks fit.”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 15

4. Rule 15 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Forms

15.—(1) The notice referred to in section 17(3) of the Act shall be in Form B as set out in the Schedule.

(2) The affidavits referred to in sections 17(4) and 18(4) of the Act in support of an application for admission shall be in the appropriate version of Form C as set out in the Schedule.

(3) The certificates of good character referred to in section 17(4)(c) of the Act shall be in Form D as set out in the Schedule.

(4) The certificate of diligence referred to in section 17(4)(d) of the Act shall be in Form E as set out in the Schedule.

(5) The certificates from the Secretary of the Board referred to in section 17 (4) (a) and (e) of the Act shall be in the appropriate version of Form F as set out in the Schedule.

(6) The certificate referred to in section 18(4)(b) of the Act shall be in Form G as set out in the Schedule.

(7) The certificate referred to in section 18(4)(c) of the Act shall be in Form H as set out in the Schedule.

(8) Where the circumstances of an applicant for admission are such that no version of the Forms as set out in the Schedule is applicable in his case, the applicant shall make use of such form as the Board may approve.”.

Deletion and substitution of Schedule

5. The Schedule to the principal Rules is deleted and the following Schedule substituted therefor:

“THE SCHEDULE

FORM A	Rule 11 (2)
BOARD OF LEGAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE	
POSTGRADUATE PRACTICAL COURSE IN LAW	
It is hereby certified that * has successfully completed all requirements prescribed for the Postgraduate Practical Course in Law conducted by this Board in 20.....	
Dated this day of 20.....	
..... Chairman, Board of Legal Education, Singapore.	
..... Secretary, Board of Legal Education, Singapore.	
*Name of applicant.	

FORM B

Rule 15 (1)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No.)
of 20)

(Seal).

In the Matter of the Legal Profession Act (Cap. 161)

AND

In the Matter of * _____

Applicant

NOTICE

I, * _____
hereby give notice that I have this day filed at the office of the Registrar of the
Supreme Court of Singapore an application to be admitted and enrolled as an
advocate and solicitor of this Honourable Court.

Dated this day of 20 .

Signature of Applicant

Received and posted on the Notice
Board of the Supreme Court on
the day of 20 .

*Name of applicant.