

Legal Profession (Practising Certificate) Rules 1997

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LEGAL PROFESSION (PRACTISING CERTIFICATE) RULES 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 25(5) of the Legal Profession Act, the Council of the Law Society of Singapore hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Practising Certificate) Rules 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1997.

Definition

2. In these Rules, “practice year” means the period from 1st April in a calendar year to 31st March in the ensuing calendar year.

Time for application

3. An application for a practising certificate in respect of a practice year shall not be submitted to the Registrar earlier than the month preceding the commencement of that practice year.

Application for practising certificate

4. An application for a practising certificate shall be made in such form as the Registrar may require.

Signature by proxy

5.—(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), an application for a practising certificate shall be signed personally by the applicant.

(2) Where the Registrar is satisfied that there is good and sufficient reason for a solicitor’s inability to personally sign his application for a practising certificate, the Registrar may accept an application made on behalf of the solicitor and signed by another solicitor who shall, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, be a partner, employer or employee of the solicitor on whose behalf the application is being made.

(3) A solicitor who proposes to sign an application for a practising certificate on behalf of another solicitor shall make prior request to the Registrar in such form as the Registrar may require.

Evidence

6. The Registrar or the Council may in his or its discretion require a statutory declaration or such other evidence as he or the Council may consider necessary in support of the facts, circumstances or particulars contained in any application or statement delivered under these Rules.

Form of practising certificate

7. A practising certificate shall be in Form A or B set out in the Schedule.

Revocation