

# **Commissioners for Oaths (Amendment) Rules 1996**

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## **SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT (CHAPTER 322)**

### **COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS (AMENDMENT) RULES 1996**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 68(3) of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, the Senate of the Singapore Academy of Law hereby makes the following Rules:

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Commissioners for Oaths (Amendment) Rules 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1996.

2. Rule 2 of the Commissioners for Oaths Rules (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “affidavit”, the following definition:

““legal officer” means a person appointed as a legal officer in the Singapore Legal Service;”.”.

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3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) An advocate and solicitor who has for an aggregate period of not less than 7 years been in active practice or been a legal officer shall be eligible for appointment as a commissioner for oaths.”.

4. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (3).

5. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (2)(a) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(i) his date of admission to the roll of the Supreme Court and the number of years that he has been in active practice or been a legal officer;”.

(b) by deleting sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph (2)(a) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(v) whether he is or has been the subject of disciplinary proceedings under Part VII of the Legal Profession Act [Cap. 161]; and if so, the date and nature of the complaint, whether the complaint resulted in the appointment of a Disciplinary Committee, and if so, the result of its inquiry; ”.

(c) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (b)(vi) of paragraph (2) and substituting the word “; and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(c) any officer referred to in rule 3(2) shall annex to his application form a schedule (to be referred to as “Schedule I”) setting out the nature of the documents which he will take and receive if appointed as a commissioner for oaths; and the schedule may be updated during his term of