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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT 1966

LEGAL PROFESSION (ADMISSION) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 10(1) and (2) of the Legal Profession Act 1966, the Board of Directors of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education, after consulting the Minister for Law and the Council of the Law Society of Singapore, makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Legal Profession (Admission) (Amendment) Rules 2026 and come into operation on 10 December 2026.

Amendment of rule 2

2. In the Legal Profession (Admission) Rules 2024 (G.N. No. S 597/2024) (called in these Rules the principal Rules), in rule 2, after the definition of "Disciplinary Committee", insert —

> "" "immediate family member" means a spouse, a child, an adopted child, a stepchild, a sibling, an adopted sibling, a stepsibling, a parent or a step-parent;".

Amendment of rule 7

3. In the principal Rules, in rule 7, after paragraph (3), insert —

"(4) This rule applies only in the following cases:

(*a*) a person's first application to sit for the Part B Examinations;

(*b*) a person's application to retake all the examinable modules of the Part B Examinations pursuant to rule 11(5).".

New rule 8A

4. In the principal Rules, after rule 8, insert —

"**Reckoning of sessions and withdrawal of application to sit for Part B Examinations**

8A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), if a candidate's application under rule 7 to sit for the Part B Examinations in a particular session is approved, that session is considered as a session of the Part B Examinations sat by the candidate for the purpose of counting the number of consecutive sessions of the Part B Examinations mentioned in rule 11(5).

(2) Paragraph (1) applies even if the candidate does not sit for any examination paper for any of the examinable modules of the Part B Examinations in that session.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply if —

(*a*) the candidate withdraws his or her application to sit for that session of the Part B Examinations before the commencement of the first examination paper of the Part B Examinations in that session; and

(*b*) the candidate's application to sit for the Part B Examinations in that session is —

(i) his or her first application to sit for the Part B Examinations; or

(ii) his or her application to retake all the examinable modules of the Part B Examinations pursuant to rule 11(5).

(4) A candidate who withdraws his or her application to sit for the Part B Examinations in a particular session before or during the Part B Course is not entitled to attend, or continue to attend, the Part B Course for that session.".

Amendment of rule 11

5. In the principal Rules, in rule 11—

(*a*) after paragraph (3), insert —

"(3A) A person must pay the withdrawal fee specified in the Second Schedule if the person withdraws his or her application made to the Part B Director under paragraph (3) within the period specified by the Part B Director but after the application has been approved by the Part B Director."; and

(*b*) after paragraph (5), insert —

"(6) Despite paragraph (5), the Institute may, in the case of an illness or injury of the person, or for any other appropriate reason that is beyond the control of the person, allow the person who does not obtain a pass for all the modules of the Part B Examinations within 4 consecutive sessions to apply to retake any one or more examinable modules of the Part B Examinations in a subsequent session.".

Amendment of rule 25

6. In the principal Rules, in rule 25 —

(*a*) in paragraph (2), replace "accompanied" with "be accompanied";

(*b*) after paragraph (4), insert —

"(4A) Despite anything in the Rules of Court 2021 (G.N. No. S 914/2021), the applicant may, without the permission of the court, file one or more affidavits to supplement his or her affidavit filed for the purpose of paragraph (4), if the Attorney-General, the Society and the Institute all give consent to the applicant's filing of that affidavit.";

(*c*) in paragraph (5)(*a*), replace sub-paragraph (i) with —

"(i) is not an immediate family member of the applicant; and";

(*d*) in paragraph (5)(*a*)(ii), delete "and" at the end;

(*e*) in paragraph (5)(*b*), replace the full-stop at the end with "; and";

(*f*) in paragraph (5), after sub-paragraph (*b*), insert —

"(*c*) the 2 certificates as to the good character of the applicant must be issued no earlier than 6 months before the date the affidavit is filed.";

(*g*) in paragraph (7)(*b*), replace the full-stop at the end with a semi-colon; and

(*h*) in paragraph (7), after sub-paragraph (*b*), insert —

"(*c*) a copy of the affidavit mentioned in paragraph (4A), if any.".

Amendment of rule 27

7. In the principal Rules, in rule 27(1) and (2), replace "5 days" with "4 days".

Amendment of rule 31

8. In the principal Rules, in rule 31 —

(*a*) in paragraph (1), after "and satisfactorily completed the Part B Course", insert ", and has sat for all the examinable modules in the Part B Examinations"; and

(*b*) after paragraph (1), insert —

"(1A) Despite paragraph (1), the Institute may, in the case of an illness or injury of the qualified person, or for any other appropriate reason that is beyond the control of the qualified person, allow the qualified person to start serving his or her practice training period under a practice training contract even if he or she has not sat for all the examinable modules in the Part B Examinations.".

Amendment of rule 34

9. In the principal Rules, in rule 34 —

(*a*) renumber the rule as paragraph (1) of that rule; and

(*b*) after paragraph (1), insert —

"(2) In supervising a practice trainee, a supervising solicitor must take into account the supervising solicitor's responsibilities as specified in any guidelines issued under rule 49.

(3) A supervising solicitor who provides a practice trainee with supervised training in relation to the practice of Singapore law under a practice training contract must —

(*a*) register the practice training contract with the Institute at least 14 days before the start of the practice training period;

(*b*) register his or her particulars and the particulars of the practice trainee in relation to each practice training contract mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*); and

(*c*) register any change to the information provided under sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) not later than 14 days after the change, if required by, and in accordance with, any guidelines issued by the Institute under rule 49.".

Amendment of rule 38

10. In the principal Rules, in rule 38 —

(*a*) renumber the rule as paragraph (1) of that rule; and

(*b*) after paragraph (1), insert —

"(2) In supervising a practice trainee, a supervisor in a qualifying entity must take into account the

supervisor's responsibilities as specified in any guidelines issued under rule 49.

(3) A supervisor in a qualifying entity who provides a practice trainee with supervised training in relation to the practice of Singapore law under a practice training contract must —

(*a*) register the practice training contract with the Institute at least 14 days before the start of the practice training period;

(*b*) register his or her particulars and the particulars of the practice trainee in relation to each practice training contract mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*); and

(*c*) register any change to the information provided under sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) not later than 14 days after the change, if required by, and in accordance with, any guidelines issued by the Institute under rule 49.".

Amendment of rule 39

11. In the principal Rules, in rule 39 —

(*a*) in paragraph (1)(*a*), delete "and" at the end;

(*b*) in paragraph (1)(*b*), replace the full-stop at the end with "; and";

(*c*) in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (*b*), insert —

"(*c*) any change to the information provided under sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) not later than 14 days after the change, if required by, and in accordance with, any guidelines issued by the Institute under rule 49.";

(*d*) after paragraph (1), insert —

"(1A) A Singapore law practice must register each practice training contract and the particulars

mentioned in paragraph (1) at least 14 days before the start of the practice training period of each practice training contract."; and

(*e*) after paragraph (2), insert —

"(3) A qualifying entity must register each practice training contract and the particulars mentioned in paragraph (1) at least 14 days before the start of the practice training period of each practice training contract.".

Replacement of rule 41

12. In the principal Rules, replace rule 41 with —

"**Procedure before filing of application for admission as advocate and solicitor**

41.—(1) If a qualified person or eligible person who intends to apply for admission as an advocate and solicitor is required to serve a practice training period, he or she must inform the Institute, at least 14 days before starting to serve the practice training period, in the form and manner required by the Institute, of —

(*a*) the proposed date of starting the practice training period;

(*b*) his or her intention to serve the practice training period in one of the following ways:

(i) under a practice training contract with a Singapore law practice or qualifying entity of the specified name and address;

(ii) through working as a Judicial Service Officer or a Legal Service Officer;

(iii) through working under the supervision of a qualifying relevant legal officer of the specified name, appointment and address; and

(*c*) where his or her intention is to serve the practice training period under the practice training contract

under sub-paragraph (*b*)(i), the name of the supervising solicitor or the supervisor in the qualifying entity.

(2) A qualified person or eligible person must obtain the approval of the Institute of the manner in which the practice training period is to be served.

(3) The Institute may approve the manner in which the practice training period is to be served before or after the qualified person's or eligible person's proposed date of starting the practice training period.

(4) If a qualified person or eligible person does not comply with paragraph (1) or (2), any period served by him or her under paragraph (1)(*b*) does not count towards his or her practice training period.

(5) Despite paragraph (4), the Institute may, if it thinks fit, direct that any period served by the qualified person or eligible person under paragraph (1)(*b*) be counted as part of his or her practice training period.

(6) If a qualified person or eligible person intends to change or changes the manner of serving his or her practice training period, he or she must apply to the Institute for approval of the intended change or change, no later than 14 days after the change.

(7) The Institute may approve the application mentioned in paragraph (6) before or after the date of the change.

(8) If the Institute does not approve the change in the manner in which a qualified person or eligible person serves the practice training period, any period served by him or her after the change is not to be counted towards his or her practice training period.

(9) Despite paragraph (8), the Institute may, if it thinks fit, direct that any period served by the qualified person or eligible person after the change in the manner of serving his or her practice training period be counted as part of his or her practice training period.".

Amendment of rule 42

13. In the principal Rules, in rule 42 —

(*a*) in paragraph (2), after "must be made", insert "to the court";

(*b*) in paragraph (4), replace sub-paragraph (*a*) with —

"(*a*) a certificate issued by the Institute stating that the applicant has served the practice training period applicable to him or her, or has been exempted from serving the practice training period applicable to him or her by the Minister under section 14(4) or (5) of the Act;";

(*c*) in paragraph (4)(*b*), replace "call" with "admission";

(*d*) after paragraph (4), insert —

"(4A) Despite anything in the Rules of Court 2021, the applicant may, without the permission of the court, file one or more affidavits to supplement his or her affidavit filed for the purpose of paragraph (4), if the Attorney-General, the Society and the Institute all give consent to the applicant's filing of that affidavit.";

(*e*) in paragraph (5)(*a*), replace sub-paragraph (i) with —

"(i) is not an immediate family member of the applicant; and";

(*f*) in paragraph (5)(*a*)(ii), delete "and" at the end;

(*g*) in paragraph (5)(*b*), replace the full-stop at the end with "; and";

(*h*) in paragraph (5), after sub-paragraph (*b*), insert —

"(*c*) the 2 certificates as to the good character of the applicant must be issued no earlier than 6 months before the date the affidavit is filed.";

(*i*) in paragraph (8)(*b*), replace the full-stop at the end with a semi-colon; and

(*j*) in paragraph (8), after sub-paragraph (*b*), insert —

"(*c*) a copy of the affidavit mentioned in paragraph (4A), if any.".

Amendment of rule 45

14. In the principal Rules, in rule 45(1) and (2), replace "5 days" with "4 days".

New rule 48A

15. In the principal Rules, after rule 48, insert —

"**Reduction, waiver or refund of fees**

48A. The Dean or Part B Director may, if he or she considers it appropriate and subject to conditions that he or she may think fit, reduce, waive or refund, wholly or in part, any fee specified in the Second Schedule.".

Amendment of rule 49

16. In the principal Rules, in rule 49 —

(*a*) in paragraph (1), replace "Parts 5, 6 and 7" with "Parts 4, 5, 6 and 7"; and

(*b*) after paragraph (2), insert —

"(3) The Institute may, at any time, vary or revoke any guidelines mentioned in paragraph (1), or any part of such guidelines.

(4) The Institute must —

(*a*) ensure that the guidelines mentioned in paragraph (1), as varied or revoked from time to time, are published on the Institute's website;

(*b*) specify in the publication, the date on which any such guidelines, or their variation or revocation, take effect; and

(*c*) ensure that any such guidelines (including any variation to them) remain available to the public for access and inspection without charge.

(5) In this rule, a variation of the guidelines includes an addition to the guidelines.".

Amendment of rule 50

17. In the principal Rules, in rule 50, replace paragraph (2) with —

"(2) The affidavit mentioned in rule 25(4) must —

(*a*) except in any case where sub-paragraph (*b*) applies — be in Form A(1A); or

(*b*) in any case where the applicant relies on an exemption from attending and satisfactorily completing the Part B Course or passing the Part B Examinations — be in Form A(1B).".

Amendment of Second Schedule

18. In the principal Rules, in the Second Schedule —

(*a*) replace the Schedule reference with —

"Rules 7(2), 8(2), 11(3) and (3A), 21(2), 23(2), 24(3) and 48A"; and

(*b*) after item 3, insert —

"3A.	Withdrawal fee under rule 11(3A) for a withdrawal of an application	$545".

Saving and transitional provisions

19.—(1) The requirement in rule 25(5)(*c*) of the principal Rules (as inserted by rule 6(*f*)) does not apply to a certificate as to the good character of an applicant issued before 10 December 2026 and exhibited in an affidavit filed on or after that date but before 1 January 2028 for the purposes of rule 25(4)(*b*) of the principal Rules.

(2) The requirement in rule 42(5)(*c*) of the principal Rules (as inserted by rule 13(*h*)) does not apply to a certificate as to the good character of an applicant issued before 10 December 2026 and exhibited in an affidavit filed on or after that date but before 1 January 2028 for the purposes of rule 42(4)(*c*) of the principal Rules.

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