

# APPENDIX III

## *Admission and Registration Rules*

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**Part I**

**Citation and Interpretation**

**1. Citation**

These rules may be cited as the Admission and Registration Rules.

**2. Interpretation**

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires-

*certificate* (證書、證明書) includes a copy certificate and a duplicate certificate;

*prescribed fee* (訂明費用) means the fee prescribed by rules made under section 72 of the Ordinance;

*trainee solicitor contract* (實習律師合約) includes an original trainee solicitor contract, new trainee solicitor contract and further trainee solicitor contract.

**Part II**

**Solicitors**

**3. Application for certificate of eligibility for admission as solicitor on the basis of compliance with section 4**

(1) A person seeking to be admitted as a solicitor on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) or (b) of the Ordinance shall apply to the Society for the issue of a certificate in accordance with subrule (4) or (5) and shall pay to the Society the prescribed fee.

(2) An application made under subrule (1) shall be -

(a) in the case of a person seeking admission on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) of the Ordinance and of rule 20 of the Trainee Solicitors Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. J) -

(i) in accordance with Form 1B in the Schedule; and

(ii) accompanied by such documents as the Society may reasonably require;

(b) in the case of a person seeking admission on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) of the Ordinance and not of rule 20 of the Trainee Solicitors Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. J) -

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- (i) in accordance with Form 4 in the Schedule; and
  - (ii) accompanied by such documents as the Society may reasonably require; and
- (c) in the case of a person seeking admission on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(b) of the Ordinance -
- (i) in accordance with Form 1C in the Schedule; and
  - (ii) accompanied by an affidavit of identity in accordance with Form 5 in the Schedule completed by an officer of the Court and such other documents as the Society may reasonably require.
- (3) A trainee solicitor shall apply for a certificate in accordance with subrule (1) within 12 months after the completion of his most recent trainee solicitor contract, or within a further period that the Council may in exceptional circumstances allow.
- (4) The Society, if it is satisfied that a person making an application under subrule (1) is eligible for admission as a solicitor on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) of the Ordinance and has satisfied the requirements of section 4(1A) of the Ordinance, shall issue to him a certificate in accordance with Form 2 in the Schedule.
- (5) The Society, if it is satisfied that a person making an application under subrule (1) is eligible for admission as a solicitor on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(b) of the Ordinance and has satisfied the requirements of section 4(1A) of the Ordinance, shall issue to him a certificate in accordance with Form 3 in the Schedule.

**3A.** *(Repealed)*

**4. Application for admission as solicitor**

- (1) The person seeking to be admitted as a solicitor shall file with the Registrar a motion paper to move the Court on such date as shall be fixed by the Registrar, which shall not be less than 14 days after the filing of such motion paper, and shall pay to the Registrar the prescribed fee.
- (1A) A person seeking to be admitted as a solicitor on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) or (b) of the Ordinance shall file a motion paper under subrule (1) within 2 months after the certificate was issued to him in accordance with rule 3(4) or (5).

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- (1B) A person seeking to be admitted as a solicitor on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) or (b) of the Ordinance who fails to file a motion paper within the 2 months' limit set out in subrule (1A) shall apply under rule 3 for another certificate to be issued to him in accordance with rule 3(4) or (5).
- (2) A motion paper filed by a person seeking admission on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) or (b) of the Ordinance shall be accompanied by -
  - (a) the certificate issued to him in accordance with rule 3(4) or (5); and
  - (b) in the case of a person seeking admission on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) of the Ordinance, such other proof as the Court may require of compliance by that person with section 4(1A) of the Ordinance.
- (2A) *(Repealed)*
- (2B) *(Repealed)*
- (3) A copy of the motion paper referred to in subrule (1) and of every document accompanying the motion paper in accordance with subrule (2) shall be served on the Secretary for Justice and on the Society by the person seeking to be admitted at the time that such motion paper is filed with the Registrar.

**5. Admission as solicitor**

- (1) On the date of hearing of the motion under rule 4 or any adjournment thereof by the Court, the Secretary for Justice, or a member of the Society or Counsel shall move the Court that the person concerned be admitted and enrolled as a solicitor.
- (2) The Court, upon hearing the Secretary for Justice, such member of the Society or Counsel and upon hearing any representation which may be made by or on behalf of the Society or of the Secretary for Justice and upon being satisfied that the applicant is eligible for admission as a solicitor, may order that the applicant be admitted as a solicitor or, if the Court is not so satisfied, may dismiss the application upon such terms as regards costs or otherwise as the Court may deem appropriate.
- (3) The Registrar shall deliver to every person who is admitted as a solicitor, as soon as is practicable after the admission of such person, a certificate of such admission.

**6. Oath on admission as solicitor**

Before a person who has been ordered to be admitted as a solicitor in accordance with rule 5(2) is so admitted, he shall subscribe the oath following-

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"I, A.B., do swear (or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm) that I will truly and honestly conduct myself in the practice of solicitor, according to the best of my knowledge and ability. So help me God.":

Provided that in the case of a declaration or affirmation the last 4 words of such oath shall be omitted.

**7. Form of roll of solicitors**

The roll of solicitors shall be in accordance with Form 7 in the Schedule.

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**Barristers**

8. *(Repealed)*

9. *(Repealed)*

10. *(Repealed)*

**Part IV**

**Notaries Public**

11. *(Repealed)*

12. *(Repealed)*

**12A. Interpretation**

In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires, *examination* (考試), in relation to a person who applies for appointment as a notary public under section 40A of the Ordinance, means an examination prescribed under the Notaries Public (Examinations) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. AH).

**12B. Application for appointment as notary public**

- (1) An application for appointment as a notary public shall be made by motion.
- (2) A notice of motion shall be accompanied by -

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- (a) a certificate issued by the Registrar certifying that the applicant has satisfied the requirement under section 40A(1)(a)(i) of the Ordinance;
  - (b) a certificate issued by The Law Society of Hong Kong certifying that the applicant has satisfied the requirement under section 40A(1)(a)(ii) of the Ordinance;
  - (c) a certificate issued by the Society of Notaries under section 8(b) of the Notaries Public (Examinations) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. AH), certifying that the applicant has satisfied the requirement under section 40A(1)(a)(iii) of the Ordinance;
  - (d) subject to subrule (4), a letter of no objection issued by the Society of Notaries to the applicant under section 4(4) of the Notaries Public (Qualifications for Appointment) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. AJ);
  - (e) an affidavit that complies with subrule (3); and
  - (f) the prescribed application fee.
- (3) The affidavit in support of an application for appointment shall include -
- (a) the date of the applicant's admission as a solicitor;
  - (b) the period or periods in aggregate of not less than 7 years during which he has practised as a solicitor;
  - (c) a description of the applicant's practice as a solicitor during the period or periods mentioned in paragraph (b), stating the following facts or particulars, if applicable -
    - (i) he practised, or is practising -
      - (A) as a solicitor in his own name;
      - (B) as a sole solicitor under a firm name;
      - (C) in a firm of solicitors;
      - (D) within a group practice according to the Solicitors (Group Practice) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. X);
    - (ii) he was or is employed to do the legal work of an employer who is not a solicitor;
    - (iii) he was or is a member, director or employee of a solicitor corporation;
    - (iv) the name of each firm, group practice, employer or solicitor corporation mentioned in the affidavit;

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- (v) his position in each firm, group practice or employer mentioned in the affidavit;
  - (vi) the nature or types of work of his practice as a solicitor;
  - (d) the date on which the applicant passed the examination;
  - (e) other particulars that the applicant considers relevant to his application.
- (4) If an applicant has not been issued with a letter of no objection or he has been issued with such a letter, but it has been revoked by the Society of Notaries, the affidavit in support of his application for appointment shall -
- (a) state that fact; and
  - (b) exhibit the written notice served on him under section 4(8) or 6(3) of the Notaries Public (Qualifications for Appointment) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. AJ).

**12C. Service of notice of motion on Secretary for Justice and Society of Notaries**

As soon as practicable after an applicant has filed with the Registrar a notice of motion and its accompanying documents, the applicant shall serve a copy of the notice and of each accompanying document on the Secretary for Justice and the Society of Notaries.

**12D. Application for relief under section 40A(4) of the Ordinance**

- (1) An application under section 40A(4) of the Ordinance shall be made by summons.
- (2) The summons shall be -
  - (a) filed at the same time as the notice of motion referred to in rule 12B(2); and
  - (b) supported by an affidavit made by the applicant stating the grounds of the application and the evidence necessary to substantiate them.
- (3) A copy of the summons and of the affidavit in support shall be served on the Secretary for Justice and the Society of Notaries together with the notice of motion that is served under rule 12C.
- (4) An application made under this rule may be determined -
  - (a) either before or at the same time as the application made under rule 12B; and

- (b) with or without a hearing.
- (5) As soon as practicable after the Chief Judge or the judge designated by him under section 40A(4A) of the Ordinance has determined the application, the Registrar shall serve a copy of the relevant order on the applicant.

**12E. Appointment as notary public**

- (1) After considering an application made under rule 12B and any representations that may be made by or on behalf of the Secretary for Justice, the Society of Notaries or any interested party, the Chief Judge or the judge designated by him under section 40A(2) of the Ordinance may order that the applicant be appointed as a notary public, or he may dismiss the application on such terms as regards costs or otherwise as he considers appropriate.
- (2) The Chief Judge or the judge designated by him under section 40A(2) of the Ordinance may determine the application with or without a hearing.
- (3) As soon as practicable after a person has been appointed as a notary public, the Chief Judge shall issue to that person a certificate of appointment in Form 11 in the Schedule.

**12F. Registration of notary public**

- (1) A person who seeks to be registered as a notary public shall produce to the Registrar -
  - (a) the certificate of appointment issued to him under rule 12E(3); and
  - (b) the registration fee prescribed under section 40C of the Ordinance.
- (2) As soon as practicable after a person's name has been entered in the register of notaries public, the Registrar shall by written notice inform the Society of Notaries of that fact.

**Part V**

**General**

**13. Exemption**

The Chief Judge on special grounds and upon such conditions as he may consider necessary may exempt any person from any of the formalities prescribed by these rules, either absolutely or for any specified period, and may reduce or abridge any of the periods of notice prescribed by these rules upon any such conditions:



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Provided that no order shall be made by the Chief Judge under this rule in respect of a person applying to be admitted as a solicitor unless the Society shall have been given such notice thereof and of the date of hearing as the Chief Judge may consider appropriate in the case and shall have been given an opportunity of being heard thereon.

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Transitional**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), where a person seeking admission on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) or (b) of the Ordinance has, before the commencement of these Rules, given notice in accordance with rule 3(1) of the Old Rules, the Old Rules shall continue to apply as if they had not been amended by these Rules.
- (2) A person seeking admission under the Old Rules on the basis of subsection (1) shall file a motion paper in accordance with rule 4 of the Old Rules -
  - (a) if a certificate has not been issued to him in accordance with rule 3(2) or (3) of the Old Rules before the commencement of these Rules, within 2 months after the certificate was issued to him;
  - (b) if a certificate has been issued to him in accordance with rule 3(2) or (3) of the Old Rules before the commencement of these Rules, within 2 months after the certificate was issued to him, or within such further period as the Council may in exceptional circumstances allow,

and if he fails to do so, the certificate shall cease to have effect and the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg.) as amended by these Rules shall apply to him.

- (3) In this section -

"Old Rules" means the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg.) which were in force immediately before the commencement of these Rules.

**Note:**

Section 9 of Consequential amendments to Ord. No. 27 of 1998 reads as follows -

- "9. Rules 11 and 12 of, and Form 9 in the Schedule to, the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub.leg.) are repealed, but nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the Registrar of the High Court from maintaining the register of notaries public, either wholly or partly, in the form provided for in that rule 12 and Form 9."

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**Schedule**

**Forms**

**Form 1**

**[rule 3(1)]**

*(Repealed)*

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**Form 1A**

**[rule 3A]**

*(Repealed)*

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ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION RULES

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION AS A SOLICITOR ON THE BASIS OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 4(1)(a) - BARRISTERS

To: The Law Society of Hong Kong,

I, ..... [full name in English and, if applicable, Chinese]

of .....,

..... apply for the issue to me of a certificate of eligibility in accordance with rule 3(4) of the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. B).

Telephone contact number .....

I do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows-

(1) I have resided in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately before the date of this application.

OR\*

I intend to reside in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately after my admission.

OR\*

I have been ordinarily resident in Hong Kong for at least 7 years.

OR\*

I have been present in Hong Kong for at least 180 days of each of at least 7 years.

Details of my periods of residence are set out below -

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

Period of Residence

The attached document marked " " is a certified copy of my passport.

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- (2) I was admitted as a barrister in Hong Kong on the ..... day of ..... and the attached document marked " " is a certified copy of my admission certificate.
- (3) The attached document marked " " is a certificate from the Bar Council referred to in rule 20(1)(c) of the Trainee Solicitors Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. J) in relation to an application for exemption from employment under a trainee solicitor contract.
- (4) My name was removed from the roll of barristers in Hong Kong on the ..... day of ..... and the attached document marked " " is a certificate to that effect from the Registrar of the High Court.
- (5) The Law Society of Hong Kong granted me exemption from employment as a trainee solicitor on the ..... day of .....
- (6) I was not required to pass any examinations prior to applying for admission as a solicitor.

OR\*

I was required to pass an examination / examinations\* in ..... prior to applying for admission as a solicitor. I passed the examination / examinations\* on the ..... day of ..... The attached document marked " " is a certified copy of a certificate from the authority administering the examination.

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Ordinance (Cap. 11).

DECLARED at ..... )  
HONG KONG this ..... day of ..... )  
..... )

Before me,

Commissioner for Oaths / Solicitor

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

### **Personal Information Collection Statement**

The personal data collected in this Application (“the data”) will be used by the Law Society of Hong Kong (“the Society”) for the following purposes:

- (i) The processing of this Application and related matters;
- (ii) The exercise of the powers of the Society conferred upon it under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159) and its subsidiary legislation; and
- (iii) The performance of the functions of the Society in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association and the attainment of the objects for which the Society is established.

It is obligatory for you to supply the Society with all data requested in this application form except as otherwise indicated. The consequence for you if you fail to supply such data is that the Society will not be able to process this Application.

The data may be provided to such persons within the Society whose proper business it is to have access to and assist in the processing of this Application and related matters. The data may also be provided to other persons who may help the Society in attaining the purposes above mentioned.

Any data that is provided to anyone outside of the Society will be restricted to what is necessary and not excessive to achieve any intended purpose.

You have the right to request access to and correction of the data. Any such request should be addressed to the Secretary General, the Law Society of Hong Kong, 3/F, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

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**ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION RULES**

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION  
AS A SOLICITOR UNDER SECTION 4(1)(b)**

To: The Law Society of Hong Kong,

I, .....  
[full name in English and, if applicable, Chinese]

of .....  
apply for the issue to me of a certificate of eligibility in accordance with rule 3(5) of the  
Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. B).

Telephone contact number: .....

I do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows-

(1) I have resided in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately before the date of this  
application.

OR\*

I intend to reside in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately after my admission.

OR\*

I have been ordinarily resident in Hong Kong for at least 7 years.

OR\*

I have been present in Hong Kong for at least 180 days of each of at least 7 years.

Details of my periods of residence are set out below-

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

Period of residence

The attached document marked " " is a certified copy of my passport.

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- (2) I was admitted as an attorney / a solicitor / a barrister\* of ..... on the ..... day of ..... The attached document marked "....." is a certified copy of my admission certificate.
  
- (3) I was not required to pass any examinations prior to applying for admission as a solicitor. The attached document marked "....." is the Hong Kong Law Society certificate to this effect.

OR\*

I was required to pass an examination / examinations\* in ..... prior to applying for admission as a solicitor. I passed the examination / examinations\* on the ..... day of ..... The attached document marked "....." is a certified copy of a certificate from the authority administering the examination.

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Ordinance (Cap. 11).

DECLARED at ..... )  
HONG KONG this ..... day of )  
..... )

Before me,

Commissioner for Oaths / Solicitor

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

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In making this Application, it is obligatory for you to supply the Society with the data requested in this application form except as otherwise indicated. The consequence for you if you fail to supply such data is that the Society will not be able to process this Application.

The data may be provided to such persons within the Society whose proper business it is to have access to and assist in the processing of this Application and related matters. The data may also be provided to other persons who may help the Society in attaining the purposes above mentioned.

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**CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION AS A SOLICITOR**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

.....  
of .....

(1) on the ..... day of ..... applied under rule 3(1) of the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. B) for a certificate of eligibility for admission as a solicitor on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159); and

(2) has satisfied the Society that he/she -

(a) has accumulated the number of CPD accreditation points that is required by section 5 of the Continuing Professional Development Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. W) to be accumulated by the end of his/her period of employment as a trainee solicitor;

(aa)\* has completed all general core courses and the minimum hours of elective courses required under the Legal Practitioners (Risk Management Education) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. Z) during his/her employment as a trainee solicitor;

(b) has passed or obtained or been granted total exemption from the examinations required by rule 7 of the Trainee Solicitors Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. J);

(c) has been employed as a trainee solicitor for a period of ..... months to the satisfaction of the Society

OR\*

has been employed as a trainee solicitor for a period of ..... months to the satisfaction of the Society and has been granted a reduction of ..... month(s) from the period of the trainee solicitor contract

OR\*

is exempted from employment as a trainee solicitor

in accordance with the Trainee Solicitors Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. J);

(d) has resided in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately before the date on which he/she applied for a certificate as stated in paragraph (1) of this Form;

OR\*

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intends to reside in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately after his/her admission;

OR\*

has been ordinarily resident in Hong Kong for at least 7 years;

OR\*

has been present in Hong Kong for at least 180 days of each of at least 7 years;

and

(e) is in other respects fit to be a solicitor.

Dated this ..... day of .....

(Sgd.) .....  
for The Law Society of Hong Kong

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION AS A SOLICITOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

.....

of .....

(1) on the ..... day of ..... applied under rule 3(1) of the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. B) for a certificate of eligibility for admission as a solicitor on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(b) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159); and

(2) has satisfied the Society that -

(a) he/she has been admitted as a .....# in .....#;

(b) his/her name remains on the roll of solicitors / advocates / attorneys\* and he/she is not suspended from practising in that jurisdiction;

(c) he/she –

has resided in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately before the date on which he/she applied for a certificate as stated in paragraph (1) of this Form;

OR\*

intends to reside in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately after his/her admission;

OR\*

has been ordinarily resident in Hong Kong for at least 7 years;

OR\*

has been present in Hong Kong for at least 180 days of each of at least 7 years;

and

(d) is in other respects fit to be a solicitor.

Dated this ..... day of .....

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(Sgd.) .....  
for The Law Society of Hong Kong

# Please insert relevant profession (e.g. solicitor / advocate / attorney etc.) and the relevant jurisdiction.

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

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**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION  
AS A SOLICITOR ON THE BASIS OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
SECTION 4(1)(a) - TRAINEE SOLICITORS**

To: The Law Society of Hong Kong,

I, .....  
[full name in English and, if applicable, Chinese]

of .....,  
apply for the issue to me of a certificate of eligibility in accordance with rule 3(4) of the  
Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. B).

We, .....

of ..... (the "Trainee Solicitor")

and .....

of ..... (the "Principal"),  
do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows-

(a) I, the Trainee Solicitor for myself say as follows-

1. I have resided in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately before the date of this  
application.

OR\*

I intend to reside in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately after my admission.

OR\*

I have been ordinarily resident in Hong Kong for at least 7 years.

OR\*

I have been present in Hong Kong for at least 180 days of each of at least 7 years.

Details of my periods of residence are set out in the "First Schedule" annexed to this  
application.

The attached document marked " " is a certified copy of my passport.

2. I was employed under a trainee solicitor contract by the Principal for the  
period ..... to ..... (the "Trainee Solicitor Contract").

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3. *Except as indicated in paragraph(s) 4 and 5\* / I have actually exclusively and bona fide been employed as a trainee solicitor by the Principal.*
4. *Except as mentioned in the "Second Schedule" annexed to this application \* / I have not held any office or engaged in any employment other than the employment of the Principal.*
5. I have been absent from the office of the Principal for the period or periods mentioned in the first column of the "Third Schedule" annexed to this application for the reasons set out in the third column\*.
6. I have complied with the requirements of rule 7 of the Trainee Solicitors Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. J) as to the passing of examinations.
7. I confirm that my most recent trainee solicitor contract was entered into before 1 September 1998, and that during the period of my employment as a trainee solicitor I have learned in the office of the Principal the following basic skills and characteristics associated with the practice and profession of a solicitor marked "X" in the appropriate box-

- (1) Drafting documents
- (2) Communication with clients and others
- (3) Research
- (4) Office routines, procedures and costs

OR\*

I confirm that my most recent trainee solicitor contract was entered into on or after 1 September 1998, and that during the period of my employment as a trainee solicitor I have learned in the office of the Principal the principles of professional conduct and the following basic skills associated with the practice and profession of a solicitor marked "X" in the appropriate box-

- (1) Communication
- (2) Practice support
- (3) Legal research
- (4) Drafting
- (5) Interviewing
- (6) Negotiation

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(7) Advocacy

8. I confirm that my most recent trainee solicitor contract was entered into before 1 September 1998, and that during the period of my employment as a trainee solicitor I have gained reasonable experience in the office of the Principal in at least 3/2\* of the following basic legal topics being those marked "X" in the appropriate box (and in the office of ....., another person qualified under section 20 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) to employ a trainee solicitor, in at least 1 of the following basic legal topics being that / those\* marked "Z" in the appropriate box)\* -

(1) Conveyancing

(2) Commercial or corporate law

(3) Family law

(4) Civil litigation

(5) Criminal litigation

(6) Wills, Probate and Trusts

(7) Trade Marks, Patents, Copyrights

(8) Such other legal topic as may be determined from time to time by the Society

OR\*

I confirm that my most recent trainee solicitor contract was entered into on or after 1 September 1998, and that during the period of my employment as a trainee solicitor I have gained proper training and experience in the office of the Principal in at least 3/2\* of the following basic legal topics being those marked "X" in the appropriate box (and in the office of ....., another person qualified under section 20 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) to employ a trainee solicitor, in at least 1 of the following basic legal topics being that / those\* marked "Z" in the appropriate box)\* -

(1) Banking

(2) Civil litigation

(3) Commercial

(4) Company

(5) Criminal litigation

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- (6) Family
  - (7) Insolvency
  - (8) Intellectual property
  - (9) International law
  - (10) Property
  - (11) Trusts, Wills and Probate
9. I have accumulated the number of CPD accreditation points that is required by section 5 of the Continuing Professional Development Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. W) to be accumulated by the end of my period of employment as a trainee solicitor.
- 10.\* I have completed all general core courses and the minimum hours of elective courses required under the Legal Practitioners (Risk Management Education) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. Z) during my employment as a trainee solicitor.
- (b) AND I, the Principal for myself say as follows-
- 1. At the time of execution of the Trainee Solicitor Contract, I was and have remained qualified under section 20 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) to employ a trainee solicitor.
  - 2. I have read paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the declaration made by the Trainee Solicitor and the contents are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
  - 3. With regard to paragraph 7 of the declaration, I confirm that during the term of the Trainee Solicitor Contract, I have provided the Trainee Solicitor with the opportunity to learn in my office the basic skills and characteristics associated with the practice and profession of a solicitor as enumerated by the Trainee Solicitor.
  - 4. With regard to paragraph 8 of the declaration, I confirm that during the term of the Trainee Solicitor Contract, I have provided the Trainee Solicitor with the opportunity to gain reasonable experience in my office (*and in the office of another person qualified under section 20 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) to employ a trainee solicitor*)\* the basic legal topics as enumerated by the Trainee Solicitor.
  - 5. I consider that the Trainee Solicitor is fit to be a solicitor.

AND we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Ordinance (Cap. 11).

DECLARED at ..... )  
HONG KONG this ..... day of )  
..... )

Before me,  
  
Commissioner for Oaths / Solicitor



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FIRST SCHEDULE

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Address	Period of residence
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SECOND SCHEDULE

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Details of other offices / employment
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THIRD SCHEDULE

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Period of absence	With / without consent of Principal	Reasons
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- Note :
1. Where the Trainee Solicitor has been employed under two or more trainee solicitor contracts, each employer shall make a separate declaration.
  2. \* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

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The personal data collected in this Application (“the data”) will be used by the Law Society of Hong Kong (“the Society”) for the following purposes:

- (i) The processing of this Application and related matters;
- (ii) The exercise of the powers of the Society conferred upon it under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159) and its subsidiary legislation; and
- (iii) The performance of the functions of the Society in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association and the attainment of the objects for which the Society is established.

It is obligatory for you to supply the Society with all data requested in this application form except as otherwise indicated. The consequence for you if you fail to supply such data is that the Society will not be able to process this Application.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY**

I, ..... of .....  
Hong Kong, Solicitor, make oath and say (or solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm) as follows-

1. The photograph attached hereto and marked " " is a true likeness of ..... of ..... Hong Kong, a ..... \*, the applicant herein.
2. I have examined [Hong Kong Identity Card No. .... ] [passport No. ....]# of the said ..... and I am satisfied that from such examination that he/she is the person shown in the photograph attached hereto and that he/she is the applicant in these proceedings.

SWORN / DECLARED at ..... Hong Kong)  
this ..... day of .....

Before me

Commissioner for Oaths / Solicitor

\* Please insert relevant profession (e.g. barrister / solicitor / advocate / notary etc.) and the relevant court / bar / chamber.

# Delete whichever is inapplicable.

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- (i) The processing of the application for admission as solicitor by the individual whose identity is the subject of this Affidavit under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159) (“the Application”) and related matters;
- (ii) The exercise of the powers of the Society conferred upon it under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159) and its subsidiary legislation; and
- (iii) The performance of the functions of the Society in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association and the attainment of the objects for which the Society is established.

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**FORM 6**

(Repealed)

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**FORM 7**

[rule 7]

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**ROLL OF SOLICITORS**

.....  
was duly admitted to practise as a Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong on  
the ..... day of ....., .....

.....  
Registrar,  
High Court,  
Hong Kong.

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**FORM 8**

(Repealed)

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**FORM 9**

(Repealed)

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**FORM 10**

(Repealed)

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**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT  
AS NOTARY PUBLIC**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT .....  
was appointed as a notary public of Hong Kong on the .....day of .....

Dated this ..... day of .....

.....  
Chief Judge,  
Hong Kong