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**23-329 (COM) APPLICATIONS TO WAIVE OR REDUCE THE
2-YEAR EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 6(6)
OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE**

**Legal Practitioners Ordinance
Section 6(6A) Applications**

1. Section 6(6A) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (“LPO”) provides that:

“If the Council considers that an applicant has acquired substantial experience in the law either in Hong Kong or elsewhere, the Council may waive the 2 year employment requirement in subsection (6) or it may reduce the period of 2 years to a period it considers appropriate.”
2. Please click [here](#) for the Procedure and the revised Guidelines (revised June 2023) for applications made under section 6(6A) of the LPO.
3. Please click [here](#) for a sample statutory declaration.
4. Members may wish to cross-reference to [Circular 23-330 \(COM\)](#) for applications under section 6(6) of the LPO to be made on or after 3 July 2023 and to refer to the revised Procedure for making an application under Section 6(6) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (effective 3 July 2023).
5. Circular 20-609 (COM) is superseded.