
37. Notaries Public (Grounds for Refusal to Issue Practising Certificate) Rules

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1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on the day appointed for the commencement of the Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Ordinance 1998 (27 of 1998) (except sections 1 and 7 of that Ordinance).

2. Grounds for refusal to issue practising certificate

- (1) The grounds on which the Society of Notaries may refuse to issue a practising certificate to an applicant are the following -
 - (a) that the application does not comply with section 2 of the Notaries Public (Practising Certificate) Rules (L.N. 32 of 2005);
 - (b) that in the opinion of the Society, the applicant -
 - (i) has conducted himself in a manner that is unbecoming of a notary public; or
 - (ii) is unfit to practise as a notary public.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1)(b), an applicant may be regarded as having conducted himself in a manner that is unbecoming of a notary public or as being unfit to practise as a notary public if -
 - (a) the applicant has been suspended from practising either as a notary public or as a solicitor;
 - (b) the applicant is entitled to practise the law of a foreign jurisdiction, but he has been suspended from so practising;
 - (c) the applicant has been convicted in Hong Kong or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude;
 - (d) the applicant has knowingly provided to the Society of Notaries false or misleading information in relation to the application; or
 - (e) the applicant suffers or appears to suffer from a mental disorder within the meaning of the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136).