

- (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 [Repealed]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).
- (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-

"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.

**PART III**

**BARRISTERS**

**8.** (Repealed)

**9.** (Repealed)

**10.** (Repealed)