



香港國際公證人協會 HONG KONG SOCIETY OF NOTARIES

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NOTICE

NOTARIES PUBLIC EXAMINATION

Invitation for Expressions of Interest to sit the Notaries Public Examination

Hong Kong Society of Notaries (the “Society”) seeks to assess demand from solicitors for its prescribed examination pursuant to the Notaries Public (Examinations) Rules (Cap. 159AH) (the “Rules”).

The prescribed examination will cover 2 subjects: notarial practice and bills of exchange. The framework for and the fees that arise from sitting the prescribed examination are set out in the Rules. Interested solicitors should refer to the Rules for details.

Interested solicitors should also refer to Part IV of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) (the “Ordinance”) and its subsidiary legislation for the full legal requirement and procedure for examination, appointment and registration of notaries public in Hong Kong. In particular, Section 40A of the Ordinance provides that “[T]he Chief Judge may appoint as a notary public in Hong Kong a person whom he considers to be fit and proper person to be a notary public and who –

(a) *has satisfied the following requirements -*

- (i) *his name has been on the roll of solicitors continuously for the whole of the period of 7 years immediately before the date of his application for appointment;*
- (ii) *he has practised as a solicitor for a period or periods in aggregate of not less than 7 years;*
- (iii) *he has, within the period of 1 year ending on the date of his application for appointment, passed any examination prescribed by the Council of the [Hong Kong] Society of Notaries under section 73D; and*

(b) *has complied with any requirements prescribed by the Council of the [Hong Kong] Society of Notaries under section 73D with respect to persons applying for appointment as a notary public.”*

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After the Society has collected sufficient expressions of interest, further information, when available, will be announced through the Society's website and the weekly circulars of The Law Society of Hong Kong.

The Society invites solicitors who are interested in sitting its prescribed examination to submit a written expression of interest on the **enclosed** form by close of business **Friday 28 June 2024.**

Solicitors who express interest to sit the Society's prescribed examination are not required to pay the Society any fee. Fees will be collected only upon enrollment for the examination.

By this invitation for expressions of interest, the Society does not make any representations in relation to the date or the form of its prescribed examination or of the qualifications for appointment as notaries public at the time when its prescribed examination is held.