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CIRCULAR 25-656 (COM)

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25-656 (COM) PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (SOLICITORS) (GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL) RULES

1. Whilst approaching the renewal season for practising certificates, members are reminded of Section 6(5)(a) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) (“**LPO**”), which provides that the Law Society may refuse to issue a practising certificate on such grounds as may be prescribed by the Council. These grounds are set out in Rule 2 of the Practising Certificate (Solicitors) (Grounds for Refusal) Rules (Cap. 159N) (“**Refusal Rules**”).
2. Rule 2 of the Refusal Rules provides that for the purposes of Section 6(5)(a) of LPO, the grounds on which the Law Society may refuse to issue a practising certificate are:-
 - (a) the applicant has failed or refused to give to the Law Society a satisfactory explanation of any conduct which is, in the opinion of the Law Society, unbecoming of a solicitor;
 - (b) the applicant is, by reason of his financial position, mental capacity or otherwise, unfit to practise as a solicitor.
3. Members are reminded of the statutory 14-day period specified under Rule 3 of the Refusal Rules to submit written representations following the Law Society’s notice that consideration is being given to refuse the issuance of a practising certificate. Failure to respond, or the submission of incomplete or inadequate representations, may result in delays or refusal of the practising certificate.
4. Members practising as sole proprietors are specifically reminded that the operation of their firms cannot continue in the absence of a valid practising certificate. Accordingly, contingency arrangements should be in place in anticipation of any potential refusal.



Index Reference:

Law Society: Solicitors

CIRCULAR 25-657 (COM)

2 October 2025

25-657 (COM) ONLINE PLATFORM FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP AND PRACTISING CERTIFICATE 2026 (Repeat Circular)

1. Last year, the Law Society launched an online platform for the renewal of membership and practising certificate. The platform enables members to submit and settle payment of the following applications online:-
 - (a) Renewal of Membership (Solicitor);
 - (b) Renewal of Membership with a Practising Certificate;
 - (c) Statement of Compliance with CPD & RME Form; and/or
 - (d) Recreational and Sports Programme.

Members may also assign their law firms to settle payment for any or all of the online applications electronically.

2. The platform has now been enhanced to allow law firms to complete the online application forms for members so that members can verify then submit the applications online.
3. The platform with the new feature will be available on or about 29 September 2025. To access the platform and receive application and payment confirmations, members and law firms must have registered their Correspondence Email with the Law Society.
4. To facilitate completion of the online application forms, certain fields in the forms will be pre-filled with members' registered information. Members are advised to verify the accuracy of the information before proceeding with online submission.
5. Payment for online applications may be made via credit card (VISA, Mastercard or Union Pay) or through the Faster Payment System (FPS). For mass payments, law firms may choose to settle fees either online or by cheque.



6. Members remain individually responsible for ensuring the timely submission of applications and settlement of payments.
7. For enquiries regarding application formalities, please contact the Registration Section at 2846-0554 / 2846-0529 or by email at pcrenewal@hklawsoc.org.hk.

Registration of Correspondence Email

8. Members who have not yet registered their Correspondence Email with the Law Society are requested to update their records via the “Change of Personal Particulars Form” available in the Members’ Zone.
9. Law firms may register their Correspondence Email by completing the “Notification of Changes to a Practice (Form LP-4)”.
10. For enquiries regarding Correspondence Email registration, please contact the Registration Section at regist@hklawsoc.org.hk.



Index Reference :

Professional Indemnity Scheme

CIRCULAR 25-658 (PA)

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25-658 (PA) PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY SCHEME (“PIS”)

RME Bulletin NO.14

Dealing with Disclosure Requests from Trustees/Liquidators

1. With a view to highlighting and explaining risk management issues that members may face in their daily practices, ESSAR Insurance Services Limited, Managers of the PIS, in collaboration with PIS Panel Solicitors, produces a quarterly RME bulletin for members' general information.
2. The latest issue of the bulletin, RME Bulletin No. 14, is now available. The topic is on “Dealing with Disclosure Requests from Trustees/Liquidators”. Please click [here](#) for the Bulletin.
3. Previous issues of the RME Bulletins are available from the [PIS website](#). (Members need to first log in at the Members' Zone of the Law Society's website to access the PIS website).

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Law Society : General

CIRCULAR 25-659 (FA)

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25-659 (FA) LAW SOCIETY SECRETARIAT

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Members please note that the Law Society Secretariat will be closed at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 6 October 2025.



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Law Society : General

CIRCULAR 25-660 (SD)

2 October 2025

25-660 (SD) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (“CPD”) AND RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION (“RME”) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2024/25 CPD/RME PRACTICE YEAR (Repeat Circular)

This Circular serves as a reminder of the CPD and RME requirements for the 2024/25 CPD/RME practice year and different ways in which the CPD and RME requirements may be met for solicitors, trainee solicitors and registered foreign lawyers, and matters ancillary thereto.

Ways in which the CPD and RME requirements may be met

1. There are a variety of ways for practitioners to meet their CPD requirements. Apart from attending courses, practitioners may undertake other activities to meet their CPD and RME requirements. These activities include writing articles and books, conducting legal research, writing dissertations, preparing for, presenting and facilitating approved training courses, participating in the work of approved Committees and institutions, and conducting coaching. These activities, other than being accredited with CPD points, would enable and facilitate interaction between senior and junior members of the profession and encourage passing on skills, knowledge and good tradition.

The accreditation guidelines of CPD and RME activities are set out in the following Information Packages:

[CPD Information Package](#) – (pages 9 to 21)

[RME Information Package](#) – (pages 21 to 28)

2. As always, the Law Society (“Society”) encourages practitioners to participate in pro bono work. If a pro bono activity is law-related and meets accreditation criteria of CPD activities, the organiser of the activity may apply to the Society for CPD accreditation of the activity. The accreditation criteria of CPD activities are set out on pages 1 and 2 of the CPD Information Package.



3. Alternatively, if a pro bono activity is law-related and involves delivery of talk, seminars or presentation at conference, instead of having the organiser applying for CPD accreditation of the activity, a practitioner may be able to claim CPD point(s) under the deemed accreditation system. Details of the deemed accreditation system are set out in Guideline 10 of the [CPD Information Package](#).

CPD requirements of solicitors

4. A solicitor holding a current practising certificate for the 2024/25 CPD practice year, which commenced on 1 November 2024 and ends on 31 October 2025, is required under rule 5 of the CPD Rules to accumulate 15 CPD points.

RME requirements of solicitors and registered foreign lawyers (“RFLs”) practising in Hong Kong Law Firms (“HK Firms”)

5. In the 2024/25 RME practice year ending on 31 October 2025:
- (a) a principal is required under [rule 6 of the RME Rules](#) to complete a core course for principals if this is the first practice year a solicitor becomes a sole proprietor or a partner and has been practising as such for 100 days or more;
 - (b) a non-principal solicitor is required under [rule 5 of the RME Rules](#) to complete a core course for non-principals if this is the first practice year a person becomes an assistant solicitor or a consultant and has been practising as such for 100 days or more. Trainee solicitors who have completed the trainee solicitor’s core courses and the compulsory first elective are exempt from completing the non-principal’s core course during the practice year in which they commence practice as a non-principal solicitor in a HK Firm after their admission as a HK solicitor. They are nevertheless subject to the annual RME elective obligations applicable to non-principal solicitors;
 - (c) an RFL practising in a HK Firm is required under [rule 5 of the RME Rules](#) to complete a core course for RFLs if this is the first practice year a person becomes an RFL and has been practising as such in a HK Firm for 100 days or more; or
 - (d) where [rule 7 of the RME Rules](#) applies, principals, non-principal solicitors, and RFLs are required under rule 7 of the RME Rules to complete 3 hours of RME courses or 6 hours if they have not done so in the immediately preceding RME practice year.

CPD and RME requirements of trainee solicitors

6. (a) Trainee solicitors are required to accumulate 15 CPD points (or where appropriate, complete the pro-rated annual CPD requirement set out in Table A of the CPD Information Package) in the 2024/25 CPD practice year;



- (b) They are also required to complete the trainee solicitor's core courses in the 2024/25 RME practice year if it is the first RME practice year in which the RME Rules apply to them (i.e. they are employed as trainee solicitors for 100 days or more in the current RME practice year), or the compulsory first elective in the 2024/25 RME practice year if it is the second RME practice year in which the RME Rules apply to them.

7. Compliance with the CPD and RME obligations is a condition precedent to admission as a solicitor in Hong Kong.

CPD requirements in mediation training

8. A solicitor-mediator on the Panel of General Mediators, Panel of Family Mediators or Panel of Family Mediation Supervisors of the Society ("Panels of Mediators of the Society") is required to accumulate not less than 20 CPD points in mediation training out of his or her annual CPD requirement during the 4 CPD practice years immediately preceding his or her application for renewal of Panel membership. Details of the CPD requirement for solicitor-mediators are set out on page 4 of the CPD Information Package.

Carrying over excess CPD points

9. Solicitors are permitted to carry over a maximum of 10 CPD points accumulated in excess of the CPD requirement in a CPD practice year to the immediately succeeding CPD practice year only.
10. As an exception to the normal carry over policy, a principal who has completed all requisite modules of the RME core courses for principals within the practice year specified under rule 6 of the RME Rules is permitted to carry over a maximum of 15 excess CPD points in a CPD practice year to the next immediately succeeding CPD practice year only.
11. In respect of RME elective courses, the following carry over policy set out in paragraph 4 of Section B of the [RME Information Package](#) applies:-
- (a) a solicitor may utilize a maximum of 3 CPD points obtained from completion of RME electives in excess of his or her annual CPD requirements to satisfy the RME elective requirement in the succeeding RME practice year only;
- (b) an RFL may utilize a maximum of 3 CPD points obtained from completion of RME electives in excess of his or her annual RME elective requirements to satisfy the RME elective requirement in the succeeding RME practice year only.
12. The normal carry over policy set out in paragraph 9 is also applicable to trainee solicitors. However, any excess CPD points accumulated during employment under the trainee solicitor contract cannot be carried over to the CPD practice year in which a trainee solicitor has been admitted as a solicitor.



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13. All enquiries should be sent to:

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PROBATE

Enquiries From Solicitors On Wills, Codicils And Other Testamentary Dispositions

An enquiry has been received from solicitors as to the existence of a will, codicil or other testamentary disposition made by the following deceased persons. If you are holding the original or a copy of any of these documents, you are requested to contact the enquiring firm directly within 14 working days.

Members are reminded to exercise due care when responding to enquiries in order to avoid any breach of the duty of confidentiality which they owe to the testator or the testator's personal representatives.

Name of Deceased Person	Date of Death	Hong Kong Identity Card No (save as otherwise specified)	Enquiring Firm
YUEN WUN PING (袁煥平) Alias (袁煥平)	15 July 2025	H036381(4) 中華人民共和國 居民身份證 44030119511129111X	LO STEPHEN & P.Y. TSE
TJIO DJOE DJING (曹裕清)	29 January 2016	D218916(0)	CHEN & LEE LAW OFFICE
KWOK WING CHEONG (郭永昌)	02 August 2025	C395362(7)	SHUM WONG & CO., SOLICITORS
TONG YIK HO (湯奕豪)	18 June 2025	P984907(A)	LO & CO., PETER W.K.
TSANG WING KAY (曾永基)	12 April 2024	B972942(4)	CHUNG & KWAN SOLICITORS
CHENG YUNG-HUI (鄭榮輝)	30 May 2021	台灣身分證 統一編號 F102216011	LAU ADRIAN & YIM LAWYERS



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WONG MOON WING (黃滿榮)	23 February 2005	A686124(8)	LEUNG & CO., JOHNNY K.K.
WONG KAM LING (王錦玲)	11 February 2015	C202605(6)	YAM JOHNNIE, JACKY LEE & CO.
HUI KIT CHING (許潔貞) Alias HUI KIT-CHING	06 April 1968	NIL	LEUNG KIN & CO.
LEUNG KAM MING (梁錦明)	About 2 weeks or so before discovery on 25 May 2024	D318089(2)	LO STEPHEN & P.Y. TSE
CHENG WING KEUNG (鄭永強)	21 September 2021	H348035(8)	LO & CO., PETER W.K.
WONG HAU KEI (王后基)	02 October 2002	H141583(4)	YIP, TSE & TANG
QU GUANGCI (瞿廣慈)	31 July 2021	中華人民共和國 居民身份證 330102196907150018	INCE & CO
TSANG CHIU WAI (曾昭偉)	07 July 2015	G339416(5)	OLDHAM, LI & NIE
LAI DAVID WAI CHUNG (黎煒宗)	31 July 2012	E146979(0) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H0318045000	HO K.C. & FONG



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LIU ZIXIONG (劉子雄)	21 August 2025	M322125(9) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H60137210	CHAU & CO., K.B.
SHIEU KWOK LAI HING (蕭郭麗卿)	29 July 2024	B004008(3)	WONG & CO, T C
HO MUI (何妹)	01 April 2022	B719576(7)	LAM AND LAI
TANG KIN HONG (鄧健康) Alias (邓健康)	18 November 1994	A071791(9)	KWOK & CO., W.F.