



# Renewal of Membership & Practising Certificate ("PC")

The Law Society of Hong Kong



### Important Note / Objective

For renewal of membership with/without PC in 2025, online application and paper application will be running in parallel. Individual solicitors and/or their law firms should make sure that only one form will be submitted for each member.

#### For Individual Solicitors

To introduce the workflow of online membership renewal applications with/without PC in 2025.

To demonstrate how solicitors currently engaged in private practice in Hong Kong can assign their law firms to make payment.

#### For Law Firms

To provide guidance for law firms to settle payments assigned to them.

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### For Members

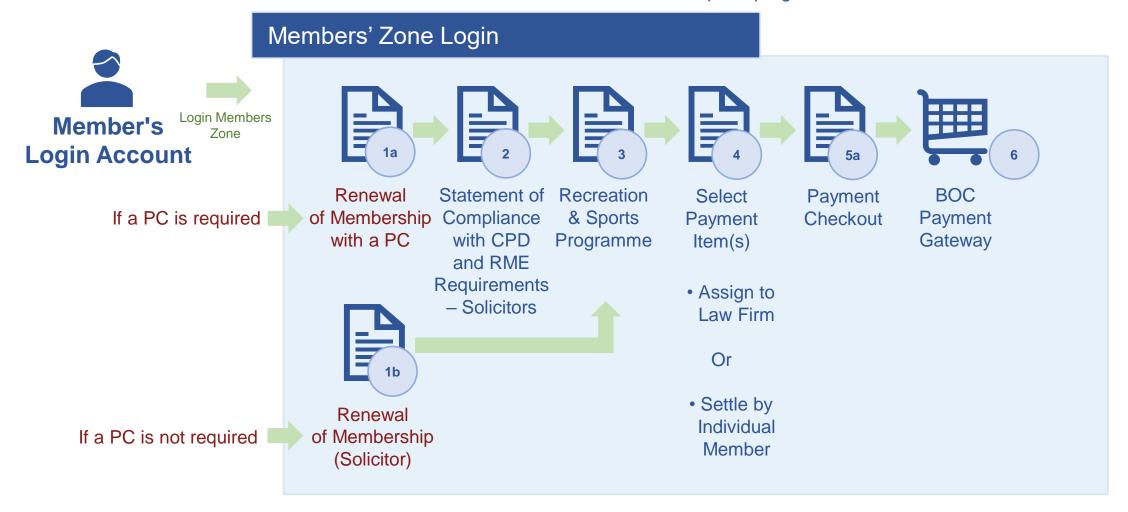
Renew Membership <u>with</u> a Practising Certificate



#### Workflow for Individual Solicitors

A member can now make the following applications online: 1. Renewal of membership (with or without a PC)

- 2. Recreation & sports programme





### Renewal of Membership WITH Practising Certificate



- 1. Login Members' Zone
- 2. Go to Members' Home >

Online Enquiries/Applications >

Online Applications Forms >

Membership/Registration Renewal Application

Select the application form "Renewal of Membership with a Practising Certificate"





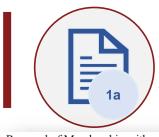
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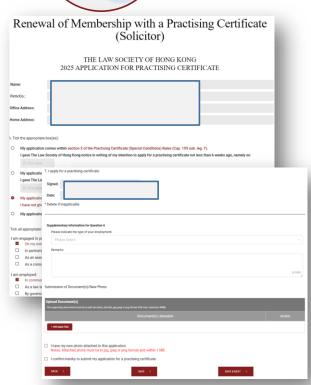
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- 1. Review the "Guideline to Online Application to Renew Membership with a Practising Certificate" and Click **Next** button to proceed to next page.
- 2. Review the "Notes on How to Fill in the Application Form for Practising Certificate".
- 3. Check and confirm the pre-printed (personal) information under the "Personal Information Review" section in the Form. If required, submit a "Change of Personal Particular" form. You are not required to wait for the updates and may proceed to submit your application.
- Complete the following form(s)/statement(s)
  - a) Application for Practising Certificate
  - Statement of Compliance with CPD & RME requirements Solicitors
  - c) Recreation and Sports Programme

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#### **Important notes:**

- 1. You would need to complete the "Supplementary Information for Question 6" section if the 1st answer to Question 6 is not applicable to your application.
- 2. You may upload additional sheets to Question 4 and/or your recent photo for the Law Society Membership Card.
- 3. You are required to confirm that you would like to apply for a Practising Certificate by ticking the checkbox at the end of the Form.

#### Photo requirement

Your photo should be in jpg, jpeg or png format (maximum size 1Mb).







Renewal of Membership with a Practising Certificate (Solicitor)			
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	Date: 08 August 2024		
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	Click here to download another form and upload the duly completed form as attachment(s) below.		
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You may refer to the "Notes" on the online form for additional information on how to complete the form.

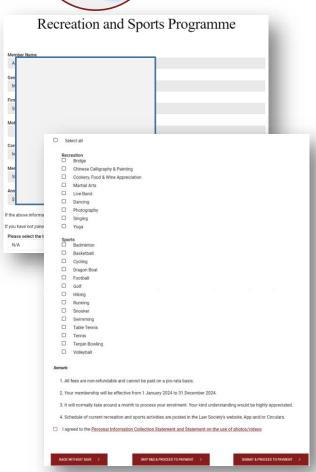
#### **Important Note:**

There are circumstances where solicitors may be required to complete other form(s) to be downloaded in the section entitled "Other Circumstances". A typical example is that a solicitor applies to renew a practising certificate for the next year but he does not hold a practising certificate in the current year. Please refer to the note in the relevant section for further information.





#### Recreation & Sports Programme



Please refer to the instructions in the online form.

Check the pre-filled (personal) information in the form. If you have enrolled to the Programme in the current year, your selection of teams will also be pre-filled in the form.

You are now ready to proceed to payment.

**Skip R&S & Proceed to Payment**: skip the R&S application and proceed to the payment page

OR

**Submit & Proceed to Payment**: confirm & submit the R&S application, and proceed to the payment page

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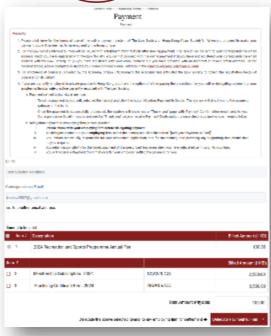
An email acknowledgement for your application will be sent to your Correspondence Email. If you have not received any email, please check your junk or spam emails.

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## Payment Item(s): Assign to Law Firm or Settle by Individual Member



#### Assign payment item(s) to Law Firm

- Choose the payment item(s) which you would assign to your firm for payment
- Click the Assign Payment to Firm button to confirm the item(s) to be assigned to firm

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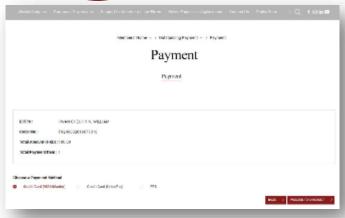
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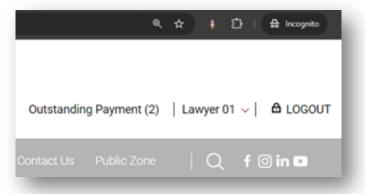
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#### Payment Checkout





- 1. Check the total payable amount as per your submitted application(s)
- 2. Select a payment method
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  - b) Credit card (UnionPay)
  - c) FPS
- 3. Click **Proceed to Checkout** which will direct you to the "Bank of China Payment Gateway"
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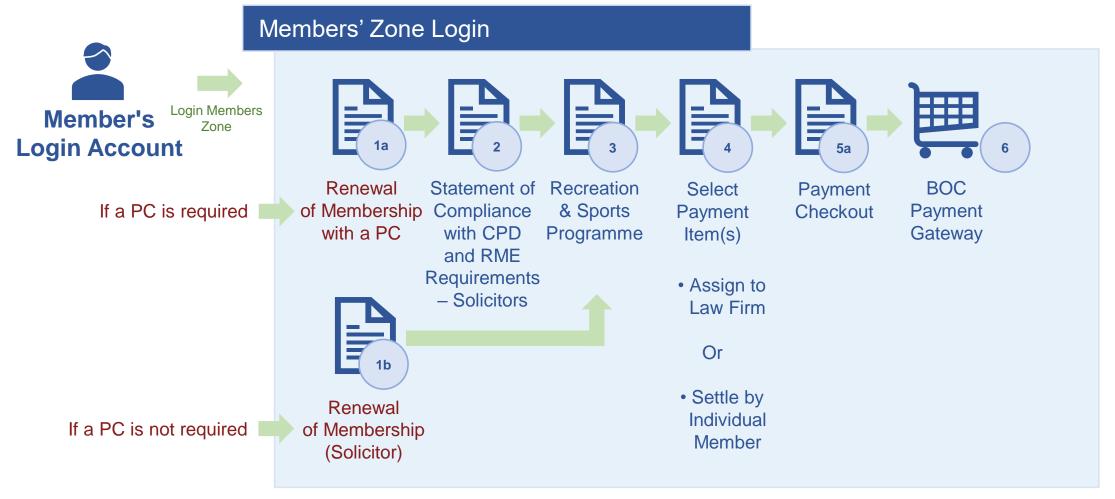
Renew Membership <u>without</u>
Practising Certificate



#### Workflow for Individual Solicitors

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### Renewal of Membership WITHOUT Practising Certificate



- 1. Login Members' Zone
- Go to Members' Home >
   Online Enquiries/Applications >
   Online Applications Forms >
   Membership/Registration Renewal Application
- Select the application form "Renewal of Membership (Solicitor)"







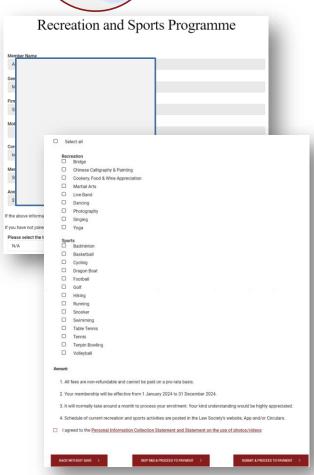
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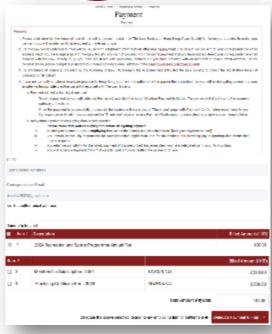
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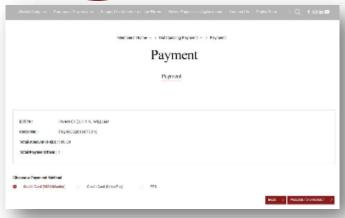
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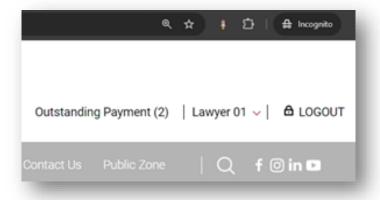
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  - c) FPS
- 3. Click **Proceed to Checkout** which will direct you to the "Bank of China Payment Gateway"
- 4. You will receive a Payment Confirmation by email once the payment is successfully processed.

#### **Important Note:**

A member can always check the Outstanding Payment item(s) on the top right corner after logging on the Members' zone.



# For Law Firms Membership & PC Renewal



#### Steps for Law Firms (Payment)

A law firm can make payment online on behalf of its lawyer on item(s) assigned by them to the law firm

#### Members' Zone Logon





This is the account for Law Firm to review the Circular, update Holiday arrangement, etc.



Login with your law firm account

- Go to Shopping Cart / Outstanding Items on the top right corner.
- 2. Select **Payment by Law Firm** page

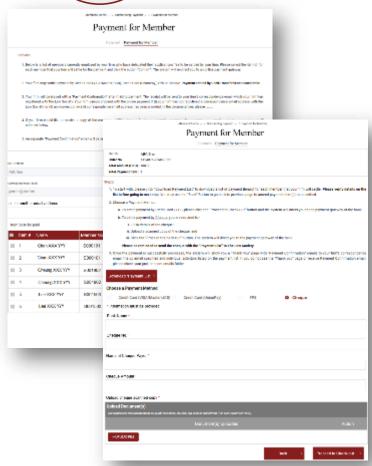
#### **Important Note:**

Sole practitioners are reminded to make sure the name of the law firm is shown at the top right corner.





#### Law Firm | Payment by Law Firm -The Steps



The item(s) which were assigned by individual members to your firm will appear under "Items to be Paid"

- Click the item(s) which your firm will settle.
- Check the total amount payable.
- Click **Confirm** and the system will direct you to the online payment gateway.
- Click **Download Payment List** and check the payment item(s).
- Choose a Payment method.
  - For Online Payment, select a payment method
    - Credit card (VISA / Master)
    - Credit card (UnionPay)
    - **FPS**

Click Proceed to Check out and you will be directed to "Bank of China Payment Gateway".

- For Payment by Cheque
  - Fill in the details of the cheque
  - Upload a scanned copy of the cheque at the end of the Form.
  - Click Proceed to Check out
  - IV. Remember to send to the Law Society the (a) Cheque (b) Payment list within 3 days from submitting the online form 22



### Frequently Asked Questions

Online Renewal Applications



# Frequently Asked Questions – Online Renewal Applications

#### 1) What kind of electronic device should I use for making an online application?

You may use tablets, laptops and desktops equipped with one of the following Internet browsers: Google Chrome 65 or higher, Apple Safari 9.0 or higher, Microsoft Edge and Mozilla Firebox 60 or higher. You are not suggested to use your mobile phone to submit your application.

Please also be reminded NOT to use public devices or public network to submit your Online Application and please remember to log out and exit Members' Zone after you complete the process.

#### 2) What do I need before starting the online application?

- i. You are required to have your Correspondence Email registered with the Law Society. If you have yet to register your email address, please add or update your particulars through the "Change of Personal Particulars" Form.
- ii. A credit card or FPS Account No. and internet password for payment.
- iii. If you would like to replace the existing photograph on your membership card, a copy of your new photo in jpg, jpeg or png format (maximum size 1Mb).



# Frequently Asked Questions – Online Renewal Applications

- 3) After submitting the "Change of Personal Particulars" Form, do I have to wait until my work/personal particulars have been updated by the Law Society before proceeding to the online application?
  - Changes to the Correspondence Email will be updated immediately by the system upon receipt of your "Change of Personal Particulars" Form. Processing of other changes will take approximately 4 days after receipt of the Form. You are not required to wait for the updates and may proceed to submit your online application.
- 4) Do I need to complete the whole application process at one time? Can I quit at any stage of the process and return for completion at another time?
  - You can save the completed "Application for a Practising Certificate" form and/or "Statement of Compliance with CPD & RME Requirements Solicitors" and continue with the process at another time. Information completed on these documents will be saved.
- 5) What if the session is discontinued during the input of the online application form?

Please close/reopen the internet browser and log in to members zone again. You may then continue the application with your last saved data in the "Application for a Practising Certificate" form and/or "Statement of Compliance with CPD & RME Requirements – Solicitors".



# Frequently Asked Questions – Online Renewal Applications

6) How do I know my application has been submitted successfully?

Once your application has been submitted, a receipt acknowledgement will be sent to your Correspondence Email account. If you have not received any confirmation or acknowledgement email, please first check if it has been directed to your junk or spam mailbox. If so, please move the email back to your inbox to view the relevant attachment. Please consider to whitelist <a href="mailto:noreply@hklawsoc.org.hk">noreply@hklawsoc.org.hk</a>.

7) If I need to amend the information in my application submitted to the Law Society, what should I do?

If you need to make any changes regarding your application which has been submitted, you may contact the Registration Officer at <a href="mailto:pcrenewal@hklawsoc.org.hk">pcrenewal@hklawsoc.org.hk</a>.

8) If I have issues during the application and/or payment process, who should I contact?

General enquiries should be directed to the Registration Section by email at pcrenewal@hklawsoc.org.hk or by telephone on 2846-0554 or 2846-0529.

Specific enquiries regarding the CPD or RME Programme should be directed to the Standards and Development Department by email at <a href="mailto:statement@hklawsoc.org.hk">statement@hklawsoc.org.hk</a> or by telephone on 2805-9117 or 2805-9119.



### Frequently Asked Questions Settlement of Payments



# Frequently Asked Questions – Settlement of Payments

9) Can I submit my online application and settle payment by cheque?

You can either settle payment personally by credit card (Visa/Master/Union Pay)/ FPS through the online payment system of the Law Society or delegate the payment to your firm for settlement in which case cheque is acceptable.

10) Can I submit paper application and settle payment through online payment gateway?

You are required to submit the Pay-In Slip / Credit Card Authorisation form together with your paper application.

11) Can I settle different items of payment by different credit cards?

Yes. You can select by item(s) and click to proceed with payment and settle by different credit cards.



# Frequently Asked Questions – Settlement of Payments

12) Can my firm settle the payment for me?

Yes. If you are currently engaged in private practice in Hong Kong, you have the option of either paying the prescribed fee yourself or delegate the payment to your firm currently recorded with the Law Society.

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13) Can I assign payment to a law firm that I am going to join?

No. You can only assign payment to a law firm you are currently engaged with.

14) If I am employed by an overseas branch of a law firm, can the Hong Kong office of my law firm settle payments for me?

No. You can only assign payment to a private practice in Hong Kong that you are currently engaged with as Partner/Assistant Solicitor/Consultant.



# Frequently Asked Questions – Settlement of Payments

15) What should I do If I would like to settle the payment(s) myself which has/have been assigned to my law firm?

If the payment has not been settled by the law firm, you can select the payment shown on your Outstanding Items / Shopping Cart and click the **Confirm Payment to Settle** button. Please see "Payment Item(s): Assign to Law Firm or Settle by Individual Member" on page 18.

16) What if the session is discontinued during credit card or FPS payment transaction?

Please allow 30 minutes for the system timeout and cross-check the payment status in the "Outstanding Payment" to see if the previous transaction has gone through with the bank. If the previous transaction has failed, the outstanding payment should be shown on your shopping cart and you may make payment accordingly.

17) How do I ensure payment is made for my renewal application?

Once the payment is successfully processed, you will receive a Payment Confirmation from the Law Society for your renewal application at your Correspondence Email account, regardless whether it is settled by you or your firm.



### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 18) If I have issues during the application and/or payment process, who should I contact?

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