

**L.N. 238 of 2003****LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION)  
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2003**

(Made by the Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong under  
section 73 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159)  
with the prior approval of the Chief Justice)

**1. Commencement**

Section 1(2) of the Legal Practitioners (Risk Management Education) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. Z) is amended by repealing “1 November 2006” and substituting “a day to be appointed by the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong by notice published in the Gazette”.

**2. Section substituted**

Section 3 is repealed and the following substituted—

**“3. Application**

These Rules apply to any solicitor, trainee solicitor and foreign lawyer.”.

**3. Section substituted**

Section 12 is repealed and the following substituted—

**“12. Transitional**

(1) Despite the definition of “first practice year” in section 2(1), the first practice year of a solicitor who was admitted as a solicitor of the High Court on or after 15 September 1990 and who is a principal immediately before the commencement of the Legal Practitioners (Risk Management Education) (Amendment) Rules 2003 (L.N. 238 of 2003) shall end on a date to be appointed by the Council by notice published in the Gazette.

(2) In relation to any solicitor other than a solicitor mentioned in subsection (1), or to any trainee solicitor or foreign lawyer, these Rules shall not take effect until such date as the Council may appoint by notice published in the Gazette.

(3) A notice published under subsection (2) may appoint different dates for different classes of persons.”.

Approved this 20th day of October 2003.

Andrew LI  
Chief Justice

Made this 28th day of October 2003.

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### **Explanatory Note**

These Rules amend the Legal Practitioners (Risk Management Education) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. Z) (“principal Rules”) to—

- (a) allow the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong to appoint by notice published in the Gazette the commencement day of a related amendment to the Foreign Lawyers Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. S);

- (b) allow the Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong (“the Council”) to appoint by notice published in the Gazette the date on which the first practice year for any solicitor who was admitted as a solicitor of the High Court on or after 15 September 1990 and who is a principal immediately before the commencement of these Rules (“post-1990 principal solicitor”) shall end;
- (c) allow the Council to appoint different dates for the principal Rules to apply to solicitors (other than a post-1990 principal solicitor), trainee solicitors and foreign lawyers.