

L.N. 69 of 2010**ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) RULES 2010**

(Made by the Chief Justice under section 72 of the
Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159))

1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on a day to be appointed by the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Forms

(1) The Schedule to the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. B) is amended, in Form 2, in paragraph (2)—

(a) by repealing “he” and substituting “he/she”;

(b) in subparagraph (a), by repealing “his” and substituting “his/her”;

(c) in subparagraph (aa), by repealing “his” and substituting “his/her”;

(d) by repealing subparagraph (c) and substituting—

“(c) has been employed as a trainee solicitor for a period of
..... months to the satisfaction of the Society

OR*

has been employed as a trainee solicitor for a period of
..... months to the satisfaction of the Society and has
been granted a reduction of month(s) from the
period of the trainee solicitor contract

OR*

is exempted from employment as a trainee solicitor
in accordance with the Trainee Solicitors Rules (Cap. 159
sub. leg. J);”;

(e) by repealing subparagraph (d) and substituting—

“(d) has resided in Hong Kong for at least 3 months
immediately before his/her admission;

OR*

intends to reside in Hong Kong for at least 3 months
immediately after his/her admission;

OR*

has been ordinarily resident in Hong Kong for at least 7 years;

OR*

has been present in Hong Kong for at least 180 days of each of at least 7 years;

and”.

(2) The Schedule is amended, in Form 3, in paragraph (2)—

(a) in subparagraph (a), by repealing “he” and substituting “he/she”;

(b) by repealing subparagraph (b) and substituting—

“(b) his/her name remains on the roll of solicitors/advocates/attorneys* and he/she is not suspended from practising in that jurisdiction;”;

(c) by repealing subparagraph (c) and substituting—

“(c) he/she—

has resided in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately before his/her admission;

OR*

intends to reside in Hong Kong for at least 3 months immediately after his/her admission;

OR*

has been ordinarily resident in Hong Kong for at least 7 years;

OR*

has been present in Hong Kong for at least 180 days of each of at least 7 years;

and”.

(3) The Schedule is amended, in Form 4, in the Note, by repealing “person employing him” and substituting “employer”.

(4) The Schedule is amended, in Form 5, in paragraph 2, by repealing “he” where it twice appears and substituting “he/she”.

(5) The Schedule is amended, in the Chinese text, in Form 5, in paragraph 2, by repealing “此等” and substituting “本法律”.

Andrew LI
Chief Justice

19 May 2010

Explanatory Note

These Rules—

- (a) replace gender-specific terms with gender-neutral terms;
- (b) amend paragraph (2)(c) of Form 2 in the Schedule to the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. B) to—
 - (i) change the reference to the period of trainee solicitor contract from in terms of years to months; and
 - (ii) reflect the reduction of the period of trainee solicitor contract for trainee solicitors with prior relevant work experience under rule 9A of the Trainee Solicitors Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. J).