

L.N. 321 of 1998

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) RULES 1998

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

1. Forms

The Schedule to the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg.) is amended---

(a) in Form 1B---

(i) in paragraph (2) of the declaration, by repealing "/advocate" in Hong Kong/England/Scotland/Northern Ireland"" and substituting "in Hong Kong";

(ii) in paragraph (3) of the declaration, by repealing everything after "admitted as a solicitor.";

(iii) in paragraph (4) of the declaration---

(A) by repealing "/advocates" in Hong Kong/ England/Scotland/Northern Ireland"" and substituting "in Hong Kong";

(B) by repealing "relevant body in that jurisdiction" and substituting "Registrar of the High Court";

(b) in Form 4, in part (a) of the declaration---

(i) in paragraph 7---

(A) by adding after "I confirm that"---

"my most recent trainee solicitor contract was entered into before 1 September 1998, and that";

(B) in item (2), by repealing "通訊" and substituting "溝通";

(C) by adding below item (4)---

"OR"

I confirm that my most recent trainee solicitor contract was entered into on or after 1 September 1998, and that during the period of my employment as a trainee solicitor I have learned in the office of the Principal the principles of professional conduct and the following basic skills associated with the practice and profession of a solicitor marked "X" in the appropriate box---

(1) Communication

(2) Practice support

(3) Legal research

(4) Drafting

(5) Interviewing

(6) Negotiation

(7) Advocacy ";

(ii) in paragraph 8---

(A) by adding after "I confirm that"---

"my most recent trainee solicitor contract was entered into before 1 September 1998, and that";

(B) by adding "being those" before "marked "X"";

(C) by adding "being that/those" before "marked "Z"";

(D) by adding below item (8)---

"OR"

I confirm that my most recent trainee solicitor contract was entered into on or after 1 September 1998, and that during the period of my employment as a trainee solicitor I have gained proper training and experience in the office of the Principal in at least 3/2" of the following basic legal topics being those marked "X" in the appropriate box (and in the office of

....., another person qualified under section 20 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) to employ a trainee solicitor, in at least 1 of the following basic legal topics being that/those* marked "Z" in the appropriate box)---

(1) Banking

(2) Civil litigation

(3) Commercial

(4) Company

(5) Criminal litigation

(6) Family

(7) Insolvency

(8) Intellectual property

(9) Property

(10) Trusts, Wills and Probate

Andrew LI

Chief Justice

15 September 1998

Explanatory Note

These Rules---

(a) amend Form 1B of the Schedule to the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg.) ("the principal Rules") consequent on an earlier amendment to rule 20 of the Trainee Solicitors Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg.); and

(b) amend Form 4 of the Schedule to the principal Rules in order to increase the areas of practice in which trainee solicitors whose most recent trainee solicitor contracts

are entered into on or after 1 September 1998 could be trained.