

L.N. 82 of 2018

**Practising Certificate (Solicitors) (Amendment) Rules
2018**

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

1. Commencement

Rules 4 and 5 come into operation on 1 January 2019.

2. Practising Certificate (Solicitors) Rules amended

The Practising Certificate (Solicitors) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. L) are amended as set out in rules 3, 4 and 5.

3. Rule 3 amended (fee for practising certificate)

Rule 3—

Repeal

“Society a fee of \$5,000”

Substitute

“Society—

- (a) in relation to a practising certificate for a period not exceeding one calendar year and ending on 31 December 2018—a fee of \$5,000;
- (b) in relation to a practising certificate for a period not exceeding one calendar year and ending on or after 31 December 2019—a fee of \$6,500”.

4. Rule 3 amended (fee for practising certificate)

Rule 3—

Repeal

everything after “to the Society”

Substitute

“a fee of \$6,500.”.

5. Schedule amended

The Schedule—

Repeal Form 2

Substitute

“FORM 2

[rule 4]

PRACTISING CERTIFICATE—SOLICITOR

執業證書——律師

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE

(Chapter 159)

《法律執業者條例》

(第 159 章)

The Law Society of Hong Kong hereby certifies, in accordance with section 6 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, that

....., a Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong,

香港律師會現按照《法律執業者條例》第 6 條證明香港高等法院律師

has complied with that section and is therefore entitled to practise as such solicitor for the period from
..... to

已符合該條的規定，因此有權由.....至
.....的期間執業為上述律師。

Conditions (if any):

條件 (如有的話) 為 :

Dated this day of

日期 :年.....月.....日

.....
Secretary,
The Law Society of Hong Kong
香港律師會秘書”.

Approved this 13th day of April 2018.

Geoffrey MA
Chief Justice

Made this 26th day of April 2018.

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Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Practising Certificate (Solicitors) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. L) (*principal Rules*) to—

- (a) increase the fee payable for an application for a practising certificate for any practice year beginning on or after 1 January 2019 from \$5,000 to \$6,500; and
- (b) stipulate a bilingual format for a practising certificate in Form 2 in the Schedule to the principal Rules, so that both English and Chinese versions can be printed on the same certificate.