

**L.N. 65 of 2020**

**Practising Certificate (Solicitors) (Amendment) Rules  
2020**

(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**

Rule 4 comes into operation on 1 January 2022.

**2. Practising Certificate (Solicitors) Rules amended**

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

**3. Rule 3 amended (fee for practising certificate)**

Rule 3—

**Repeal**

“Society a fee of \$6,500”

**Substitute**

“Society—

- (a) in relation to a practising certificate for a period not exceeding one calendar year and ending on 31 December 2020—a fee of \$6,500;
- (b) in relation to a practising certificate for a period not exceeding one calendar year and ending on 31 December 2021—a fee of \$1,950;
- (c) in relation to a practising certificate for a period not exceeding one calendar year and ending on or after 31 December 2022—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.”.

Approved this 24th day of April 2020.

Geoffrey MA  
Chief Justice

Made this 29th day of April 2020.

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### **Explanatory Note**

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

- (a) reduce the fee payable for an application for a practising certificate for the practice year beginning on 1 January 2021 and ending on 31 December 2021 from \$6,500 to \$1,950; and
- (b) increase the fee payable for an application for a practising certificate for the practice year beginning on or after 1 January 2022 from \$1,950 to \$6,500.