

L.N. 6 of 2021

**Foreign Lawyers Registration (Fees) (Amendment) Rules
2021**

(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

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), these Rules come into operation on 1 April 2021.
- (2) Section 3(3) and (5) comes into operation on 1 July 2022.

2. Foreign Lawyers Registration (Fees) Rules amended

The Foreign Lawyers Registration (Fees) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. U) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule amended (fees payable under Part IIIA of the Ordinance)

- (1) The Schedule, heading—

Repeal

“under Part IIIA of the Ordinance”

Substitute

“in connection with Registration under Part IIIA of Ordinance and Foreign Lawyers Registration Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. S)”.

- (2) The Schedule, item 1—

Repeal sub-items (a) and (b)

Substitute

- “(a) first registration that is valid from a date that falls within the period—
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| (i) from 1 April 2021 to 14 May 2021 (both dates inclusive) | 4,500 |
| (ii) from 15 May 2021 to 30 June 2021 (both dates inclusive) | 13,500 |
| (iii) from 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022 (both dates inclusive) | 4,500 |
| (iv) from 1 April 2022 to 14 May 2022 (both dates inclusive) | 2,250 |
| (v) from 15 May 2022 to 30 June 2022 (both dates inclusive) | 11,250 |
| (vi) from 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023 (both dates inclusive) | 9,000 |
- (b) renewal of a certificate of registration that takes effect on—
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| (i) 1 July 2021 | 4,500 |
| (ii) 1 July 2022 | 9,000”. |
- (3) The Schedule, item 1—

Repeal sub-items (a) and (b)**Substitute**

- “(a) first registration that is valid from a date that falls within the period—
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| (i) from 1 July to 31 March (both dates inclusive) | 9,000 |
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Section 3

(ii)	from 1 April to 14 May (both dates inclusive)	4,500
(iii)	from 15 May to 30 June (both dates inclusive)	13,500
(b)	renewal of a certificate of registration	9,000”.
(4)	The Schedule, item 2—	
	Repeal sub-items (a) and (b)	
	Substitute	
“(a)	first registration that is valid from a date that falls within the period—	
(i)	from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 (both dates inclusive)	35,000
(ii)	from 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022 (both dates inclusive)	17,500
(iii)	from 1 April 2022 to 14 May 2022 (both dates inclusive)	8,750
(iv)	from 15 May 2022 to 30 June 2022 (both dates inclusive)	20,750
(v)	from 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023 (both dates inclusive)	35,000
(b)	renewal of a certificate of registration that takes effect on—	
(i)	1 July 2021	6,000
(ii)	1 July 2022	12,000”.

(5) The Schedule, item 2—

Repeal sub-items (a) and (b)

Substitute

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- “(a) first registration that is valid from a date that falls within the period—
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| (i) from 1 July to 31 March (both dates inclusive) | 35,000 |
| (ii) from 1 April to 14 May (both dates inclusive) | 17,500 |
| (iii) from 15 May to 30 June (both dates inclusive) | 29,500 |
- (b) renewal of a certificate of registration 12,000”.

Approved this 5th day of January 2021.

Geoffrey MA
Chief Justice

Made this 12th day of January 2021.

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Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Foreign Lawyers Registration (Fees) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. U) (*principal Rules*) to revise the fees payable to The Law Society of Hong Kong in connection with—

- (a) the first registration as a foreign lawyer or foreign firm; and
- (b) the renewal of a certificate of registration as a foreign lawyer or foreign firm,

under Part IIIA of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159), with effect from 1 July 2021. The fees will be adjusted with effect from 1 July 2022.

2. As no firm is eligible to rely on item 2(a)(ii) of the Schedule to the principal Rules, the item is repealed.
3. These Rules introduce a three-tier fee mechanism for the first registration as a foreign firm to align with the three-tier fee mechanism for the first registration as a foreign lawyer.