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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
(CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION (QUALIFIED PERSONS)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the Legal Profession Act, the Minister for Law, after consulting the Board of Directors of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education, makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) (Amendment) Rules 2016 and come into operation on 1 August 2016.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules (R 15) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by deleting sub-paragraphs (E) and (F) of paragraph (a)(ii) of the definition of “approved twinning programme” and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

“(E) if that degree is conferred on or after 1 April 2008 but before 1 August 2016, one or more of the other institutions of higher learning specified in the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Schedules, the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Management University;

(F) if the degree is conferred on or after 1 August 2016 but before

1 January 2025, one or more of the other institutions of higher learning specified in the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Schedules, the National University of Singapore, the Singapore Management University and the SIM University; or

(G) if the degree is conferred on or after 1 January 2025, one or more of the other institutions of higher learning specified in the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Schedules, the National University of Singapore, the Singapore Management University and the SIM University; and”; and

(b) by deleting the words “or the Singapore Management University” in the definition of “relevant non-law degree” and substituting the words “, the Singapore Management University or the SIM University”.

New rule 6

3. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 5A, the following rule:

“Persons admitted as candidates for degree of Bachelor of Laws by SIM University

6.—(1) Any person admitted as a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Laws by the SIM University is a qualified person if the person —

- (a) has passed the final examination for that degree; and
- (b) has attained a grade point average of at least 3.50 in the course of study leading to that degree.

(2) In this rule, a reference to a person admitted as a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Laws by the SIM University includes a reference to a person admitted as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence by the SIM University.”.

Amendment of rule 10

4. Rule 10(1) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “, on or after 1st January 1996,”.

Amendment of rule 11

5. Rule 11(4) of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (iii) of sub-paragraph (b), the following sub-paragraph:

“(iv) a degree of Bachelor of Laws or degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence conferred by the SIM University;”.

Amendment of rule 16

6. Rule 16(1) of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “or 5A(1)” and substituting the words “, 5A(1) or 6(1)”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “or 5A(1)(b)” and substituting the words “, 5A(1)(b) or 6(1)(b)”.

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