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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
(CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION (AMENDMENT) RULES 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(3) and (4) of the Legal Profession Act, the Board of Legal Education hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Amendment) Rules 2006 and shall come into operation on 16th October 2006.

New rule 10A

2. The Legal Profession Rules (R 3) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 10, the following rule:

“Exemption under rule 15A of Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules

10A.—(1) An application for an exemption under rule 15A of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules (R 15) shall be made in Form I.

(2) The applicant for the exemption shall —

- (a) if required by the Board, appear before an interview panel appointed by the Board at such time and place as the Board may notify him; and
- (b) produce to the Board any certificate (or a certified copy thereof) relating to the qualifications by virtue of which he seeks the exemption and any other document as the Board may require.

(3) The Board may from time to time appoint one or more interview panels consisting of at least 2 members (at least one member of which shall be appointed from among the members of

the Board) and each interview panel shall consider and report to the Board on all applications for exemption under rule 15A of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules referred to it by the Board.

(4) A certificate of exemption granted by the Board under rule 15A of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules shall be in Form J.”.

Amendment of Schedule

3. The Schedule to the Legal Profession Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after Form H, the following Forms:

“FORM I

Rule 10A (1)

LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
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APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION UNDER RULE 15A OF
THE LEGAL PROFESSION (QUALIFIED PERSONS)
RULES

(For overseas law graduates with lower second class honours or its equivalent from any of the institutions of higher learning in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand or the United States of America as specified in the Schedules to the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules.)

(A) Please complete and return this form and enclosures on or before
..... to:

The Secretary
Board of Legal Education
Conference Room (9th Floor)
Subordinate Courts Building
1 Havelock Square
Singapore 059724.

(B) Failure to complete the form as required or to enclose necessary enclosures may lead to rejection of the application. To avoid unnecessary delay and correspondence, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM FULLY AS REQUIRED.

1. NAME:
(Full name in BLOCK letters — UNDERLINE SURNAME)

2. OTHER PARTICULARS

Place of Birth: Date of Birth:

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed

Sex: Male Female Race: Religion:

NRIC No./Passport No.: Languages Spoken:

Nationality:

(Permanent Resident applicant, please attach certified true copy of relevant document(s).)

3. ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) IN SINGAPORE

Postal Address:

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Tel. Nos.: (a) home: (b) pager:

(c) office: ext. (d) mobile:

Email Address:

4. EDUCATION**(A) Overseas Degree (Bachelor of Laws)**

- (i) Degree and Name of University:
- (ii) Date of Degree:
- (iii) Class of Degree or Class Ranking in terms of academic performance, of the total number of graduates in the same batch:
- (iv) Date of admission as a candidate to the University:
- (v) Date of commencement of course:

(B) Other relevant Degrees, diplomas, certificates, awards and honours obtained (Please state the educational institution attended)

Dates	Degrees, diplomas, certificates, awards and honours obtained

Note: If there is insufficient space on this page, you may furnish the information on additional pages attached to this Form.

(C) Publications (if any)

Please give details of any legal publications which you have written or edited.

Note: If there is insufficient space on this page, you may furnish the information on additional pages attached to this Form.

5. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (where applicable)
(Please enclose certified true copies of qualifications.)

(a) Solicitor of England & Wales

Date of passing Solicitors' Finals:

Date of admission to the Roll of Solicitors:

(b) Solicitor of Hong Kong

Date of passing Solicitors' Finals:

Date of admission to the Roll of Solicitors:

6. OTHER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION(S) (where applicable)

(a) English Bar

Inns of Court:

Date of Call:

(b) Any other Professional Qualification (please specify) with date of qualifying and Class of Qualification (if known).

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(c) If you are qualified in more than one jurisdiction, state all the jurisdictions and date of admission as a legal practitioner in each jurisdiction.

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(d) If you have practised in more than one jurisdiction, state the number of years in active practice in each jurisdiction.

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7. GOOD STANDING AND CHARACTER (where applicable)

- (1) The Secretary or other officer of the body charged with responsibility for investigating allegations of professional misconduct or breaches of professional discipline in Hong Kong or England & Wales or any other jurisdiction in relation to each of your professional qualifications listed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of this Form is required to sign the Certificate of Good Standing set out in Annex A.

- (2) A responsible person not immediately related to the applicant and who has known the applicant for 2 years or more and has had the opportunity of judging the applicant's character is required to sign the Certificate of Good Character set out in Annex B.

8. PROFESSIONAL DETAILS

Career History

Please give details in chronological order, of your professional career since its inception. Please include law firms, professional organisations, legal teaching posts and salaried legal posts in banking, finance, industry or the public service in Singapore or elsewhere. Under "Particulars", please specify if appropriate, the position or grade you held and the type of work done, including your areas of practice and recent transactions you were involved in. Please conclude by giving the name of a current senior partner/director/manager/supervisor of the law firm, organisation, body or institution where you have worked. **Please furnish a letter from your employer(s) to confirm the information provided herein.**

Dates	Law firm or other organisation, body or institution and address	Particulars

Note: If there is insufficient space on this page, you may furnish the information on additional pages attached to this Form.

9. DECLARATIONS & UNDERTAKINGS

- (i) I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Board in relation to this application and by directions and rules given by or on behalf of the Board.
- (ii) I declare that the particulars contained in this application and its enclosures and certificates are true and I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation made by me shall entitle the Board to reject this application.
- (iii) I undertake to furnish the Board (at the address given) with **certified true copies of certificates**, or other evidence acceptable to the Board, of my qualification as required.

NOTES: Certified true copies should be certified by an independent person of recognised authority, such as a University/College Registrar/Dean etc., the Under-Treasurer or an official of an Inn of Court, or a lawyer of standing, but **not by** a relative. A description of the certifier's status or authority should be placed under the signature.

.....
Signature of Applicant

.....
Date

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, ^a
 hereby certify in respect of ^b that —

(a) at the date of this certificate, no disciplinary proceedings are pending or contemplated against the applicant and that his/her* professional conduct is not under investigation; and

†(b) there has been no record of any professional misconduct or proceedings against the applicant;

OR

†(c) the applicant has a record of professional misconduct or proceedings against him/her*, namely:

	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Proceedings</i>	<i>Result</i>
(i)
(ii)
(iii)

Dated this day of 20.....

.....
 Signature of
 the Chairman/Secretary* of
 the Bar Committee/Bar Council/Law Society* of

.....
 (Applicable/Principal Jurisdiction)

Note: This Annex relates to paragraph 7 (1) of Form I (Application for exemption under rule 15A of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules). The applicant is applying for an exemption in connection with his qualification to be admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

^aName of officer signing the certificate.

^bName of applicant.

*Delete if inapplicable.

†Strike out the paragraph if inapplicable.

Annex B

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CHARACTER

1. I, ^a....., of ^b....., a/an^c....., certify that I have known the applicant ^d..... personally for at least years.
2. I have had the following opportunities of judging the applicant’s character, that is to say
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3. I believe the applicant is a person of respectability and a fit and proper person to be admitted by the relevant Singapore authorities to the practice of law in Singapore.
4. I am not immediately related to the applicant.

Dated this day of 20.....

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Signature of the person making this Certificate.

Note: This Annex relates to paragraph 7 (2) of Form I (Application for exemption under rule 15A of the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules). The applicant is applying for an exemption in connection with his qualification to be admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

^aName of person making the certificate.
^bResidential address of person making the certificate.
^cOccupation of person making the certificate.
^dName of applicant.

FORM J

Rule 10A (4)

BOARD OF LEGAL EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UNDER RULE 15A OF
THE LEGAL PROFESSION (QUALIFIED PERSONS)
RULES

I, Secretary of the Board of Legal Education, hereby certify that Mr/Mdm/
Miss/Dr/Ms (NRIC No./Passport No.)
has been exempted from the requirement in rule 8 (2) (ii) (A)/9 (1) (a)/9 (2) (a)/
9 (2A) (a)/9A (1) (b)* on the condition that he obtains the Diploma of Singapore
Law within 3 years of the date of this certificate.

Dated this day of 20.....

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Secretary,
Board of Legal Education,
Singapore.

*Delete as appropriate.**.

[G.N. Nos. S 668/2001; S 22/2004; S 810/2005]

Made this 16th day of October 2006.

CHAO HICK TIN
Chairman,
Board of Legal Education,
Singapore.

[Board/Gen/4/67 (2006) (Amend. Rules); AG/LRRD/19/2006]

(To be presented to Parliament under section 131 of the Legal
Profession Act).