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### Solicitors

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## **APPLICATIONS TO REMOVE CONDITIONS IMPOSED ON PRACTISING CERTIFICATES UNDER SECTION 6(6) OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE**

### **Legal Practitioners Ordinance Section 6(6) Applications**

1. Section 6(6) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance requires the Council to be satisfied that a solicitor has been bona fide employed in the practice of a solicitor in Hong Kong for at least two years prior to his or her application for a practising certificate not subject to the conditions specified in that section. No solicitor can practise on his or her own account or in partnership until a practising certificate without the conditions specified in section 6(6) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance has been obtained.
2. The Council set down the procedure for applications under section 6(6) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance.
3. An applicant is required to provide, by way of a statutory declaration and supporting documents, such information as to establish that he or she has been in a bona fide employment in the practice of a solicitor in Hong Kong (that is, in a Hong Kong firm of solicitors) for a continuous period of two years.
4. Effective from 1 January 2019, a non-refundable administration charge of HK\$2,000.00 will be payable in respect of applications made under section 6(6) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance.
5. Please click [here](#) for Procedure for Making an Application under Section 6(6) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance.
6. Please click [here](#) for A sample Application to the procedure.
7. Members are reminded to cross-reference to Circular [12-540 \(COM\)](#) for applications under section 6(6A) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance.
8. Circular 12-539(COM) is superseded.

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