
13. Practising Certificate (Solicitors) (Grounds for Refusal) Rules

ARRANGEMENT OF RULES

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1. Citation

These rules may be cited as the Practising Certificate (Solicitors) (Grounds for Refusal) Rules.

2. Grounds for refusal to issue practising certificate

For the purposes of section 6(5)(a) of the Ordinance, the grounds on which the Society may refuse to issue a practising certificate are -

- (a) the applicant has failed or refused to give to the Society a satisfactory explanation of any conduct which is, in the opinion of the Society, unbecoming of a solicitor;
- (b) the applicant is, by reason of his financial position, mental capacity or otherwise, unfit to practise as a solicitor.

3. Notice to applicant

The Society shall, before refusing to issue a practising certificate, give notice to the applicant that consideration is being given to such refusal and inviting the applicant within 14 days to make such representations in writing to the Society as he thinks fit.

4. Written refusal

The Society shall, if it refuses to issue a practising certificate, state its reasons in writing to the applicant.