

THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG CHARGES

DESCRIPTION		Charges
		1/1/2004
1.	Solicitor	HK\$
	a. Application for certificate of eligibility for admission	1,500
	b. Associate Membership	1,400
	c. Membership Subscription	1,200
	d. Practising Certificate Fee	7,400*
	e. Unconditional Practising Certificate under S.6(6A) of Legal Practitioners Ordinance	2,000
	f. Verification of Employment	300
	* 50% off for solicitors apply their first PC during 1/10 - 31/12 each year.	
2.	Trainee Solicitor	
	a. Registration of Trainee Solicitors contract	1,400
	b. On the issue by the Society of any certificate, consent or direction required under the rules where no fee is specifically provided	1,400
	c. An application submitted less than 30 days prior to the secondment under Rule 9(3A), (4) & (7) of the Trainee Solicitors Rules	2,000
	d. Student Membership	50
3.	Overseas lawyer seeking admission in Hong Kong	
	a. Application for certificate of eligibility for qualification for admission & eligibility to sit or be exempt from sitting all or portions of the Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination	3,300
	b. Sitting the examination(s)	
	- for any one subject	5,500
	- for each additional subject	1,100

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4.	Fees payable under the Foreign Lawyers Registration Rules	HK\$
	a. First registration of a foreign lawyer	10,000*
	b. Annual registration of a foreign lawyer	10,000
	c. First registration of a foreign firm - for a new firm	35,000
	d. Annual registration of a foreign firm	12,000
	e. Registration of an Association	15,000
	f. Application for removal of conditions from Certificate of Registration	2,000
	* 50% off for foreign lawyers register during 1/4 - 30/6 each year.	
5.	Certificate Fee for Law Costs Draftsman	2,500
6.	Certificate of Members' Status/Standing	1,000
7.	Application under Rule 5c of the Solicitors' Practice Rules	
	a. Application for waiver under Rule 5C	4,500Δ
	b. Application for deviation from standard form of Agreement for Sale and Purchase:-	
	- for Non-Consent Scheme under Rule 5C(3)	4,500*
	- for completed development under Rule 5C(4)	4,500*
	c. Application for deviation from standard form of Agreement for Sub-Sale and Sub-Purchase under Rule 5C(5) for :-	
	- uncompleted development	4,500*
	- completed development	4,500*
	Δ For each waiver applied for	
	* For each agreement	
8.	Application for Waiver for DMC	
	a. One Single village type house not exceeding 3 storeys (with one unit on each storey)	3,000
	b. All others except a. above :-	
	2 - 20 units	6,000
	21 - 50 units	15,000
	51 - 99 units	20,250
	100 units and above	27,000

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9.	Application for search of waiver or consent letter	2,500
10.	Enquiry on Wills	1,800
11.	Accountant's Report	
	a. Application for approval for a change of accounting periods by solicitors' firms	800
	b. Application to extend periods of time for submission of accountant's reports [Such charges to be payable on application]	2,000
12.	Authorized Clerks List	
	a. Application for addition of a clerk to the list of authorized clerks	120
	b. Application for deletion of a clerk from the list of authorized clerks	free of charge
	c. Application by a firm with authorized clerks to amend its firm name on the Society's records [Such charges to be payable upon application]	600
13.	Rule 4 of the Solicitors' Practice Rules – Sharing of Fees with Foreign Lawyers	
	a. Application for waiver under Rule 4 of the Solicitors' Practice Rules by firms seeking to share profits with foreign lawyers who are partners to the firm in a jurisdiction where the sharing of fees with such partners is permitted.	4,000
14.	Application for waiver in respect of sharing of office and staff under Practice Direction D5	1,500
15.	Application for certificates of standing for firm in respect of the establishment of:	
	(a) representative office by Hong Kong firms in the Mainland	3,000
	(b) association by Hong Kong firm with a Mainland law firm in the Mainland under Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement	3,000
16.	Applications for Assistance in Establishing Branch Offices in places apart from the Mainland by Hong Kong Law Firms	3,000
17.	Applications relating to professional stationery	120
18.	Application for approval of the name of a group practice	1,000

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19.	Law Society Products/Publications	
	a. Advertising in Weekly Circulars - per A4-sized page (The file size should not be more than 200KB)	1,800
	b. Professional Announcement in Weekly Circulars - size: 4" x 7" (The file size should not be more than 100KB)	1,200
	c. Situations Vacant in Weekly Circulars - size: 3" x 7"/4" x 7"/6" x 7"/9" x 7" (The file size should not be more than 100KB)	1,700/2,500/3,700/5,000
	d. Directory of Hong Kong Law Firms 2002	200
	e. The Hong Kong Solicitors' Guide To Professional Conduct - Volume 1 (member/non-member) - Volumes 1 & 2 (member/non-member) - Updates per year (member/non-member)	100/200 300/350 100/100
	f. Law List 2003 - update disks per set (with coupon)	550 30
	g. Practice Directions 1990	120
	h. Car Badge	500
	i. Card Holder	50
	j. Diary 2004	275
	k. Golf Cap	50
	l. Leather Memo Pad	60
	m. Leather Memo Wallet	90
	n. Leather Zipper Wallet	160
	o. Pin	10
	p. Polo Shirt	135
	q. Silk Necktie	200
	r. Umbrella (21"/27")	80/100
	s. Wooden Plaque	300
20.	Certified True Copy (For a normal 4-sheet A4 size document)	280
21.	Photocopying charges (A4)	
	a. Single sided	1
	b. Double sided	2
	c. Transparency	10