

# THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG CHARGES

DESCRIPTION		Charges
		1/1/2006
1.	Solicitor	<b>HK\$</b>
	a. Application for certificate of eligibility for admission	1,500
	b. Associate Membership	1,400
	c. Membership Subscription	1,200
	d. Practising Certificate Fee	6,800*
	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. Extension of Trainee Solicitor secondments	500
	e. Special leave to employ a Trainee Solicitor or act as his Principle	500
	f. Late Application for special leave	1,000
	g. 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	<b>HK\$</b>
	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.	Letter of No Objection/Consent (for the purpose of work visa application)	300
8.	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	
9.	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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10.	Application for search of waiver or consent letter	2,500
11.	Enquiry on Wills	1,800
12.	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
13.	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
14.	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
15.	Application for waiver in respect of sharing of office and staff under Practice Direction D5	1,500
16.	Application for certificates of standing for submission to the Trade & Industry Department and the relevant Mainland authorities 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
17.	Applications for Assistance in Establishing Branch Offices in places apart from the Mainland by Hong Kong Law Firms	3,000
18.	Applications relating to professional stationery	120
19.	Application for approval of the name of a group practice	1,000
20.	Cessation of Practice - Notice of Rescission	1,200

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21.	Request for information about status of CPD points in respect of one CPD practice year	100 per request
22.	Applications for accreditation of CPD courses for commercial providers	1,000 per course
23.	Applications for accreditation of CPD courses for law firms and non-commercial providers	500 per course
24.	Applications for accreditation of overseas CPD courses by individual practitioners	500 or 1,000 per course
25.	Applications for accreditation of law courses and distance learning courses by universities and institutions	500 per course
26.	Annual accreditation fee for non-commercial accredited providers	5,000
27.	Applications for accreditation of RME core programme for principals	5,000 per course
28.	Applications for accreditation of RME elective courses for non-commercial provider	750 per course
29.	Applications for accreditation of RME elective courses for commercial provider	2,000 per course
30.	Applications for accreditation as Law Society's Accredited General/Family Mediator	500 per assessment/ re-assessment
31.	Administrative fee for renewal of membership of Law Society's Accredited General/Family Mediator	500 per category
32.	Applications for accreditation of mediation training courses	2,000 per course

DESCRIPTION		Charges
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33.	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 2005/06	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 2005	550
	g. Law Society Practice Directions	120
	h. Car Badge	500
	i. Card Holder	50
	j. Golf Cap	50
	k. Leather Memo Pad	60
	l. Leather Memo Wallet	90
	m. Leather Zipper Wallet	160
	n. Pin	10
	o. Polo Shirt	135
	p. Silk Necktie	200
	q. Umbrella (21"/27")	80/100
	r. Wooden Plaque	300
34.	Certified True Copy (For a normal 4-sheet A4 size document)	280
35.	Photocopying charges (A4)	
	a. Single sided	1
	b. Double sided	2
	c. Transparency	10