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2023

*Legal Profession (Renewal of Practising
Certificate and Continuing Professional
Development) Rules*

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STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. 32 OF 2023

THE COUNCIL IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON IT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 58 AND 59 OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT NO. 25 OF 2011, MAKES THE FOLLOWING RULES—

(Gazetted 11th August, 2023).

1. Citation and commencement. These Rules may be cited as the—

LEGAL PROFESSION (RENEWAL OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATE AND
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT) RULES, 2023,

and shall come into force on the 1st day of September 2023.

2. Definitions. In these Rules—

“Act” means the Legal Profession Act No. 25 of 2011;

“activity” includes a conference, workshop, seminar, lecture or similar activities whether the activity is held remotely or in person;

“approved continuing professional development providers” includes the providers set out in Schedule II; and

“continuing professional development activity” means an activity facilitated by one, or a combination of more than one approved continuing professional development providers.

3. Renewal of Practising Certificate.—(1) Subject to sub-rule (2), an attorney-at-law who wants to renew his or her Practising Certificate shall apply to the Council at least sixty days before the expiry of the Practising Certificate, in the form set out in Schedule I.

(2) In considering an application to renew a Practising Certificate under sub-rule (1), the Council shall consider—

- (a) whether the attorney-at-law has paid the prescribed Practising Certificate fee;

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- (b) any evidence of continuing professional development undertaken by the attorney-at-law during that calendar year; and
 - (c) any other documents or information which the Council reasonably requires to determine the application.

(3) The Council shall consider an application under this rule and decide whether to renew or refuse to renew the Practising Certificate of an attorney-at-law.

(4) Where a Practising Certificate is renewed under this rule, the Council shall issue a Practising Certificate in the Form set out as Form III of Schedule II of the Act.

(5) The Council shall within fourteen days after refusing to issue a Practising Certificate, give the attorney-at-law notice in writing, of the refusal to issue the Practising Certificate and the reasons for the refusal.

4. Annual continuing professional development credit requirements.—(1) An attorney-at-law shall complete a minimum of twelve credits per year to satisfy the continuing professional development requirements under these rules.

(2) A single continuing professional development credit is equivalent to one hour attendance at an educational conference, workshop, seminar, lecture or similar event by whatever name.

(3) An attorney-at-law shall complete at least one credit in Legal Profession Ethics and one credit in Business Management and Finance per year.

5. Continuing professional development content. To qualify as continuing professional development, an activity must—

- (a) be of significant intellectual or practical content and deal primarily with matters relating to the practice of law;
- (b) be conducted by persons who are qualified by practical or academic experience in the subject covered; and
- (c) seek to extend the knowledge and skills of attorneys-at-law in areas that are relevant to the practice needs of an attorney-at-law.

6. Approved continuing professional development providers.—(1) The approved continuing professional development providers are set out in Schedule II.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-rule (1), if an attorney-at-law wishes to attend an activity facilitated by a provider other than an approved continuing development provider, the attorney-at-law may inquire of the Council either before or after the activity whether it qualifies as a continuing professional development activity.

SCHEDULE I

Practising Certificate Renewal Application Form

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

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Name(s) *(Surname)*

of.....
(Residential address) *(Address of Law firm)*

.....
Email address

B. PRACTICE DETAILS

I practise at

.....
(Name of law firm)

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(Address of law firm)

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(Email address of law firm)

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Telephone number(s) of law firm

C. PRACTICE DETAILS

Have you been admitted to practice in any other country?

No..... Yes.....

If yes, please provide details

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Do you currently hold a valid Practising Certificate?

Yes No.....

If No, please provide details

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D. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Have you obtained the requisite continuing professional development credits during the calendar year?

Yes..... No.....

If yes, please provide copies of the relevant certificates.

E. PRACTISING CERTIFICATE FEE

I have paid the prescribed Practising Certificate fee. (see copy of receipt attached)

F. I certify that the information stated herein is true and correct.

.....
Signature of Applicant

.....
Date

SCHEDULE II**Approved continuing professional development activity providers**

- (1) The General Legal Council;
- (2) The Council of Legal Education established by an Agreement, as from time to time amended, entered into by the Governments of Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and by the Universities of Guyana and the West Indies, which came into force on the 17th March, 1971;
- (3) The Attorney-General's Chambers;
- (4) The Director of Public Prosecutions Chambers;
- (5) The University of the West Indies;
- (6) The Grenada Bar Association;
- (7) The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Bar Association;
- (8) The Organisation of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Association;
- (9) The International Bar Association;
- (10) The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court; and
- (11) The Caribbean Court of Justice.

Made by the Council this 4th day of August, 2023.

ROSALYN E. WILKINSON
Chairperson of the Council.

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