

Legal Profession

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**LEGAL PROFESSION (ADMISSION
TO PRACTISE) RULES, 1999**

1999/42.

Authority: These Rules were made on 27th April, 1999 by the Rules Committee of the Supreme Court, under section 5(3) of the *Legal Profession Act* and section 82 of the *Supreme Court of Judicature Act*.

Commencement: 3rd June, 1999.

1. These Rules may be cited as the *Legal Profession (Admission to Practise) Rules, 1999*. Citation.

2. In these Rules

Interpreta-
tion.

"the Act" means the *Legal Profession Act*;

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"admission" means admission to practise law;

"applicant" means a person applying under section 5 of the Act for admission;

"the Court" means the High Court;

to "produce" means to produce to the Court;

"senior police officer" means

(a) in relation to Barbados, a gazetted police officer within the meaning of the *Police Act*;

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(b) in relation to any other country, a police officer of corresponding rank.

3. In respect of section 5(1)(c) of the Act, an applicant must produce Evidence of
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tions.

(a) evidence in writing satisfying the Court that he has obtained the prescribed qualifications; and

- (b) a certificate from the Registrar that all the provisions of the Act relevant to his admission have been complied with.

Affidavits as to character.

4. (1) In respect of section 5(1)(d) of the Act, an applicant must produce affidavits by 2 persons, neither of whom is the spouse or a relative of the applicant.

- (2) An affidavit under this rule

- (a) must be sworn by

- (i) a medical or legal practitioner, a minister of religion, the head of a Government Ministry or Department or a senior police officer; or
- (ii) a person who the Court is satisfied is a person of good standing,

and must specify the profession or status of the person swearing the affidavit; and

- (b) must state that the person swearing the affidavit

- (i) has known the applicant for not less than 5 years; and
- (ii) considers him to be of good character.

Statutory declaration as to criminal offences.

5. Where an applicant has lived in any country (including Barbados) for more than 6 months, he must produce a statement made on oath that he has not been convicted in that country of any offence involving dishonesty.

Professional certificates.

6. (1) Subject to paragraph (4), where the applicant has at any time practised or is at the time of the application practising as a legal practitioner in a country other than Barbados, he must produce a certificate from the competent authority certifying that he is in good standing with that authority.

- (2) A certificate under paragraph (1) must have been signed, dated and issued not earlier than 45 days before the date on which the application is submitted.

(3) The expression "the competent authority" in paragraph (1), in relation to a country, means the authority, or, where there is more than one, every authority, which has, or has had, professional disciplinary jurisdiction over the applicant as a legal practitioner in that country.

(4) This rule does not apply to an applicant

- (a) who at the time of the application is a Queen's Counsel or a Senior Counsel in a country other than Barbados; or
- (b) whose application is supported by a Queen's Counsel of Barbados.