

Unvalidated References:
Lawyers Act 1986

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Legislative Counsel
Dated 25 November 2006

INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

No. 13 of 1990.

Lawyers Admission Rules 1990

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

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SCHEDULE 1 – Forms.

Lawyers Admission Rules 1990

MADE by the Admission Council under Section 25A of the *Lawyers Act 1986*.

Dated 200 .

1. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

(1) The required academic qualifications for the purposes of Section 25(2)(b) of the Act is a law degree, or other qualification equivalent in standard and content to a law degree from the University of Papua New Guinea.

(2) The certificate required by Section 25(3)(a) of the Act that the applicant has successfully completed the course of training conducted by the Legal Training Institute shall be signed by the Chairman of the Council, and the Director of that Institute and shall be in Form 1.

(3) For the purposes of Section 25(3)(b) of the Act, the countries are Australia, New Zealand and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

2. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTISE.

(1) An application for admission to practise as a lawyer shall be made by way of Notice of Motion supported by an affidavit from the applicant.

(2) An affidavit referred to in Subsection (1) shall set out the following matters:—

- (a) brief details of the applicant's schooling;
- (b) details of the applicant's work experience;
- (c) details of the applicant's academic qualifications as required by Section 25 of the Act and the original or a photostat copy of any degree, diploma or certificate shall be annexed, or exhibited, to the affidavit;

- (d) whether the applicant has any criminal convictions and, if so, details of those convictions.

(3) In the case of an applicant from an overseas country prescribed in Section 1(3), the applicant shall submit a certificate from the appropriate professional body of the country (or countries) where he has practised for three years immediately prior to his application, that he has not been struck off, and that no disciplinary proceedings are pending against him, in that country.

- (4) The fee payable for admission is K150.00.

3. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION.

The notice of intention to apply to practise as a lawyer to be published in the newspaper under Section 27 of the Act shall be in Form 2.

4. LAWYER'S OATH.

At the admission ceremony the newly-admitted lawyer shall be required to swear an oath (or make an affirmation) in Form 3 and sign the Roll of Lawyers.

5. ROLL OF LAWYERS.

(1) The Roll of Lawyers required to be kept by Section 30 of the Act shall be a large bound book containing the information on each lawyer as set out in Form 4.

(2) The Registrar shall at least once in each year prepare a computer print-out in alphabetical order containing the name, address and admission date of each lawyer currently on the roll and that print-out shall be available for inspection free of charge at all times the Registry is open.

(3) Where a person is admitted outside of Waigani to practise as a lawyer he may sign a loose-leaf copy of Form 4 and the Registrar shall transcribe the details on that form onto the Roll and shall paste a photostat of the person's signature onto the Roll and the person shall then be deemed to have signed the Roll.

6. CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION.

The certificate of admission to be issued by the Registrar under Section 32 of the Act shall be in Form 5.

7. UNRESTRICTED PRACTISING CERTIFICATE.

For the purposes of Section 41(1)(e) of the Act the countries are Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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SCHEDULE 1 – FORMS.

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Form 1 – CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING.

Act, s25(3)(a)

Form 1Rule, s1(2)

IN THE NATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE)

L.A. ... of ...
A. ... B. ...
Application for admission
under
the *Lawyers Act 1986*.

CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING.

We, ... certify that ... has successfully completed the course of training conducted by the Legal Training Institute established under the *Post-graduate Legal Training Act 1972*.

Dated this ... day of ... 20

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Chairman of the Council of the
Legal Training Institute

.....
Director of the
Legal Training Institute

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***Form 2 – NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION AS A
LAWYER.***

Act, s27 Form 2 Rule, s3

TAKE NOTICE that I, ... of ... shall apply for admission as a lawyer before the National Court of Justice sitting at ... on the ... day of ... 20... , at ... a.m.

Dated this ... day of ... , 20...

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Applicant

Lawyer for the applicant.

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Form 3 – LAWYER’S OATH.

Rule, s4 Form 3

IN THE NATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE)

L.A. ... of ...

A. ... B. ...

Applicant for admission

under

the *Lawyers Act 1986*.

LAWYER'S OATH.

I, ... of ... promise and declare that I will well and truly serve the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and its people as a lawyer and will uphold the Constitution and the laws of Papua New Guinea.

So help me God!

Sworn this.... day of 20...

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Lawyer

before me:

.....
Judge

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Form 4 – ROLL OF LAWYERS.

Act, s30 Form 4Rule, s5(1)

Name:
Surname Given Names
Date of admission:
Place of admission:
Signature:
Business address:
Qualifications—degrees:
Qualifications—other:
Admitted elsewhere:
Fee paid Receipt No. ...
File No: L.A. ... of ...

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Form 5 – CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION.

Act, s32

Form 5Rule, s6

BE IT KNOWN that ... was admitted to practise as a lawyer of the National Court of Justice in accordance with the provisions of the *Lawyers Act 1986* on the ... day of ... 20 ... and has signed the Roll of Lawyers.

Dated at Waigani this ... day of ... 20 ...

Registrar:

L.A. ... of ...

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