THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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APPLICATION BY A BARRISTER FOR A PRACTISING CERTIFICATE

If you are a Barrister making an application for a New South Wales Practising Certificate as a Solicitor and Barrister, you are required to provide the following documentation with your completed application form and fees:

- a completed Declaration of Good Standing Form (see next page);
- a Certificate of Fitness from the Bar Association dated within the previous 28 days. (Please note if you are the holder of a current Barrister's practising certificate, you must surrender that certificate to the Bar Association);
- details of admission in any other jurisdiction by submitting a Certificate of Fitness and Good Standing dated within the previous 28 days from the body issuing practising certificates in each of the jurisdictions; and
- a brief resume of legal practice/work experience undertaken since your admission.

The standard conditions of a period of supervised legal practice (usually 2 years) and a requirement to undertake a practice management course are generally imposed on your practising certificate. The practising certificate will allow you to work as an employee only.

Practising Intentions

If you are intending to practise as a sole practitioner, unsupervised partner, legal practitioner director or solicitor on the record for a corporation, government department/instrumentality, you will require an unrestricted practising certificate.

You will need to make an application to the Licensing Committee for an unrestricted practising certificate. The Committee will consider the application based on your experience & qualifications. Please advise in a covering letter if this situation applies to you. Meetings of the Licensing Committee are held monthly. Accordingly, a delay should be allowed of approximately 4 - 5 weeks. The meeting dates are published at www.lawsociety.com.au/forms.

Note: If you have less than three years experience as a legal practitioner and you have not completed the College of Law, the standard conditions of a period of supervised legal practice(usually 2 years), the practice management course and a further condition of completing additional training courses, such as the institutional phase of the Professional Program of the College of Law are generally imposed on your practising certificate.

Application and Enquiries to:

POST	EMAIL	FAX	PHONE
Law Society Registry 170 Phillip Street Sydney NSW 2000 or DX 362 Sydney	registry@lawsociety.com.au	(02) 9926 0257 *From overseas:* *+61 2 9926 0257*	(02) 9926 0241 *From overseas:* *+61 2 9926 0156*

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DECLARATION OF GOOD STANDING

I, _____ *(print full name)*

declare that the following statements are true and correct:

(a) I have not done anything which would cause my name to be removed from the Roll of the Supreme Court, and to the best of my knowledge and belief my name still remains on the said Roll;

(b) I have never been suspended from practice nor have I had imposed on me any penalty, financial or otherwise in respect of my conduct or practice as a Legal Practitioner;

(c) There has never been an Investigator or Receiver appointed in respect of any trust account conducted by me in my practice as a Legal Practitioner;

(d) I am not the subject of a reference to any Court or to any disciplinary body in respect of my conduct or practice as a Legal Practitioner;

(e) I have not been requested by any professional association or regulatory authority to answer a complaint in respect of my conduct or practice as a Legal Practitioner.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Where you wish to qualify any of the above statements, you should add the words "other than as follows:" and then proceed to detail the qualification.