

# **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE LAW SOCIETY**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Law Society provide for student membership. It is available to:

"ARTICLE 3(bb)"

Any law student at any institution prescribed from time to time by the Council and any trainee solicitor including a trainee solicitor seconded to Hong Kong from another common law jurisdiction under the terms of a trainee solicitor contract may apply for admission to the Society as a Student Member in such form and upon payment of such fee as may from time to time be prescribed by the Council."

## **WHAT PRIVILEGES DOES STUDENT MEMBERSHIP GIVE?**

Student membership status can be defined as a form of non-voting membership of the Law Society. Student members will be issued with a Law Society identity card and will receive

- a) receipt of the Law Society's weekly circulars;
- b) access to the members only website;
- c) use of the Law Society Clubhouse, library and cyber café; and
- d) participation in the events of the Law Society and Law Society groups.

Student membership does not grant the right to vote in Law Society elections or to stand for election to the Council.

## **WHAT DUTIES DOES STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ENTAIL?**

Student members must undertake to act in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles and Practice Directions. These are not the same as the Rules of Professional Conduct for solicitors issued by the Law Society. They refer to the expectations as regards standards of behaviour from members of the Law Society as a club.

In particular, student membership does not entitle its holder to claim Hong Kong legal qualification or professional title. Student membership must not be used in any way to suggest that the holder is able to advise on the laws of Hong Kong or appear before the courts of this jurisdiction. "Student Member" should not, therefore, appear in any advertisement, stationery or name plate.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

If you wish to become a student member of the Law Society you must complete the attached application form and send it to the address given.

It is important that with this form you enclose a letter of good standing from the University, Law School or Department at which you are currently studying law indicating that you are a bona fide student and the course in which you are participating, the date of commencement of your studies and the date upon which it is anticipated those studies will conclude. This is not required in respect of an application by a trainee solicitor whose contract is registered with the Law Society.

Student members are also required to make an annual contribution to the Law Society's funds. The membership year for student members will run from 1 January to 31 December of calendar year. The membership fee has been fixed at HK\$50. Please enclose a cheque or bankers draft for this sum with your application, made payable to "The Law Society of Hong Kong".

If you have any further questions concerning student membership including eligibility, please contact:

Registration Section  
The Law Society of Hong Kong  
3/F., Wing On House  
71 Des Voeux Road Central  
Hong Kong

Tel : 2846 0500  
Fax : 2845 0387

## APPLICATION FOR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

This form should be completed by all applicants for student membership with the Law Society, and returned with all supporting documentation to the address below. For details on the privileges accorded to student members and for information regarding eligibility please refer to the information sheet. If you have any queries regarding eligibility etc. please refer these to the address on the information sheet.

1. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

中文姓名 : \_\_\_\_\_

Recent  
Passport Size  
Photograph

2. Firm/Organization:  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home)

6. E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Details of the Course:

i) Course Name \_\_\_\_\_

ii) Part Time / Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Year (1, 2 or 3) \_\_\_\_\_

iii) Course Provider's Name \_\_\_\_\_

iv) Date of First Enrolment \_\_\_\_\_

v) Expected Date of Completion of Studies \_\_\_\_\_

8. HKID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

9. In which of the following activity/activities of the Law Society will you be willing to participate:

- joining a committee or working party
- assisting in Law Week organization or activities
- contributing articles for publication in Hong Kong Lawyer
- promoting any other interests  
(please specify : \_\_\_\_\_).

10. I enclose the following documents to support my application for student membership:

- i) a cheque for HK\$50.00 in favour of “ The Law Society of Hong Kong”;
- ii) a letter from the University confirm my enrolment details; or
- iii) a copy of my student card, enrolment confirmation and payment receipt or other documentary evidence of law school enrolment.

*(Please note : your application cannot be processed without the above attachments)*

11. I apply for a Student Member Card \*

**If granted Student Membership of the Law Society I hereby undertake to abide by the provisions of the Memorandum & Articles and Practice Directions of the Society.**

**I will not attempt or in any way represent myself as qualified to act as a Hong Kong solicitor. In particular, I will not use my status with the Law Society in any advertising, professional stationery or name plates.**

**I understand that if I fail to comply with these undertakings I may lose my status with the Law Society.**

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Note : [ ✓ ] tick for confirmation

- \* The Card is valid for a maximum of 1 year subject to renewal of student membership annually. A charge of HK\$50 will be imposed for replacement of lost card.

### Personal Information Collection Statement

1. Your personal data collected using this form (“the data”) will be used by the Law Society for the purposes of exercising its powers under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation (Chapter 159) and administering or enforcing the relevant provisions of the said Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation, and for any other legitimate purposes as may be required, authorized or permitted by law.
2. The data may be disclosed to relevant government departments and related organizations and to persons in the Law Society with responsibility for carrying out the purposes mentioned in paragraph 1 above.
3. You have a right to request access to and correction of the data. Any such request should be addressed to the Secretary General, the Law Society of Hong Kong, 3/F, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

#### FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

STUDENT MEMBER NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION APPROVED ON: \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT MEMBER CARD EXPIRY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_