

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Who is an Ordinary Member?

By virtue of Section 14 of the Singapore Academy of Law (“SAL”) Act, the following persons shall become an Ordinary Member of the Academy:

Every person who is:

- (a) admitted as an advocate and solicitor, whether or not he has in force a practising certificate issued under Section 25 of the Legal Profession Act; or
- (b) a Legal Service Officer; or
- (c) a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B or 36D of the Legal Profession Act; or
- (d) a foreign lawyer granted the approval under section 176(1) of the Legal Profession Act.

Your membership will commence with immediate effect upon your admission to the Bar, appointment as a Legal Service Officer, registration as Foreign Lawyer under section 36B or 36D of the Legal Profession Act, or when you have been granted approval by the Legal Service Regulatory Authority under section 176(1) of the Legal Profession Act.

Ordinary Membership Rights and Privileges

As an Ordinary member of the Academy, you may participate in selected conferences, seminars, and workshops organised by the Academy, at a discounted rate; with the aim of promoting continuing legal and professional education. You will also have access to resources such as the SAL Journal, the SAL Annual Report, and the SAL Annual Review of Singapore Cases to keep you informed of the happenings at the Academy and other publications from time to time.

Ordinary Membership Annual Subscription

By virtue of SAL Rule 3, the annual subscription (inclusive of prevailing GST) for an Ordinary Member is as follows:

1. Ordinary members where, at the time the subscription is payable:

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| (a) more than 15 years have elapsed from the date of admission as an advocate and solicitor or appointment as a Legal Service Officer, whichever is the earlier date | S\$374.50 |
| (b) not less than 5 years but not more than 15 years have elapsed from the date of admission as an advocate and solicitor or appointment as a Legal Service Officer, whichever is the earlier date | S\$288.90 |
| (c) less than 5 years have elapsed from the date of admission as an advocate and solicitor or appointment as a Legal Service Officer, whichever is the earlier date | S\$128.40 |

2. Ordinary members who are foreign lawyers that are registered under section 36B or 36D of the Legal Profession Act (LPA) and/or granted the approval under section 176(1) of the Legal Profession Act, or that are both S\$374.50

Cessation of Practice

Cessation of practice **does not automatically result in your qualifying for waiver.** Please refer to SAL Rule 4 of the waiver rules and submit the prescribed waiver application form if you qualify for waiver.

Waiver of annual subscriptions

By virtue of SAL Rule 4, where any member will, for any period of not less than 12 months —

- (a) be continuously absent from Singapore;
- (b) not be ordinarily resident or domiciled in Singapore;
- (c) not be in the profession of law; or
- (d) not be gainfully employed,

The member may apply for waiver of the annual subscription payable in respect of such period. Any application for waiver shall —

- (a) be made in writing one month prior to or during the period to which the application relates, and in any case not later than 3 months after the expiry of each period of 12 months referred to above; and
- (b) set out the grounds and circumstances upon which the applicant is seeking the waiver of subscriptions.

Termination of Membership

Section 18 (1) of SAL Act states that : “The Senate may by resolution terminate the membership of a member if he has been guilty of conduct which in the opinion of the Senate renders him unfit to be a member or would bring the Academy into disrepute.”