

LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL

NOTICE 3630 OF 2025

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 95(1) & (4) OF THE LEGAL PRACTICE ACT, 28 OF 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Council intends to amend the Rules made in terms of sections 95(1) (z) read with section 32(3) of the Legal Practice Act, 28 of 2014 (as amended) by amendment of the following rule(s) to the South African Legal Practice Council Rules:

Explanatory Note

The proposed insertions have been carefully formulated to precisely mirror the intent and legal effect of the proposed amendment to Rule 27.1 of the Legal Practice Council Rules thereby ensuring perfect harmonisation across all relevant rules. The proposed deletions remove the now-obsolete grace period, leaving no room for ambiguity.

Words in bold type square brackets [] indicate proposed deletions from the existing Rule.

Words in *Italic* and underlined with a solid line indicate proposed insertions to the existing Rule.

Proposed amendment to Rules 32.2.2 of the Legal Practice Council Rules.

32.2 An advocate referred to in section 34(2)(a)(i) and practising as such may at any time, as determined in the rules and upon payment of the fee determined by the Council, apply to the Council for the conversion of his or her enrolment to that of an advocate referred to in section 34(2)(a)(ii) and practising as such, provided the applicant satisfies the Council –

32.2.1 that the applicant has passed the examination required to be passed by attorneys so as to reflect that the applicant has the required knowledge of accounting for the keeping of accounting records referred to in section 87 of the Act and for compliance with the accounting rules published by the Council from time to time;

32.2.2 that the applicant shall [within a period of one year after the date on which the applicant was required for the first time to be in possession of a Fidelity Fund Certificate, or within such further period as the Council may approve in any specific case, complete to the satisfaction of the Council a legal practice management course approved by the Council] prior to being issued with a Fidelity Fund Certificate for the first time as envisaged in terms of section 84(1) of the Act, complete to the satisfaction of the Council a legal practice management course approved by the Council;

In terms of Section 95(4)(a) of the Legal Practice Act, legal practitioners and any interested persons are hereby invited to submit comment to the Council in writing on the proposed amendment.

Please note that all comments must be sent by email to rules@lpc.org.za by no later than 22 December 2025.

Signed at Midrand on 11 November 2025.



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