FORM PCA 2 Rule, Sec. 2 (1). (b).

Papua New Guinea Law Society Practising Certificate Rules 1990

THIS IS AN APPLICATION FOR UNRESTRICTED PRACTISING CERTIFICATE FOR 2026

TO: The Secretary
PNG Law Society
P. O. Box 2004
PORT MORESBY
National Capital District

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1. APPLICANT DETAILS:

Surname:	**Given names:**
Preferred name on the certificate:	**Gender:** ◯ **Male** ◯ **Female**

◯ Mr ◯ Mrs ◯ Ms ◯ Miss ◯ Dr **Other:**

Office email:	**Office numbers:**
Personal email address:	**Personal mobile number:**
Business Address:	**Home Address:**

2.ADMISSION DETAILS (NOTE A):

Place of Admission:	**Date of Admission:** ☐☐/☐☐/☐☐☐☐
Countries other than Australia:	**Date of Admission:** ☐☐/☐☐/☐☐☐☐
If Australia, Name of State, where admitted:	**Date of Admission:** ☐☐/☐☐/☐☐☐☐

3.ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A PRACTISING CERTIFICATE

1. I make application to the Council of the Law Society for an Unrestricted Practising Certificate.

2. I declare as follows: ***(Circle ONLY ONE applicable)***

(a) I am the holder of, or I am entitled to hold, a restricted practising certificate and I have been employed exclusively as a lawyer for not less than 5 years from the date of my admission to practise by a lawyer who, during the period of employment was the holder of an unrestricted practising certificate: or

(b) I am the holder of, or I am entitled to hold, a restricted practising certificate and I have been employed exclusively as a lawyer for not less than 5 years in the 8 years preceding the date of this application for an Unrestricted Practising Certificate by a lawyer who, during the period of employment, was the holder of an unrestricted practising certificate: or

(c) I have practised exclusively as a lawyer within a class of lawyers prescribed in the Rules for a period of not less than 5 years in the period of 8 years immediately prior to this application and I claim to have obtained experience in the practice of law at least equivalent to that gained by an applicant under Paragraph (a) or (b): or

(d) I claim to have obtained experience in the practice of the law which is at least equivalent to that gained by an applicant under Paragraph (a) or (b): or

(e) I have been admitted to practise law for a period of not less than five years following my admission to practise in a country prescribed by the Rules and I have practised with a restricted practising certificate in Papua New Guinea for a period of not less than three months immediately prior to this application; or

(f) I have been carrying on practice exclusively as a barrister in a country prescribed by the Admission Rules for a period of not less than eight years preceding this application;

3. As at the date of this application I am practicing as follows:

◯ Sole Practitioner ◯ Partner

◯ Employed by_____ law firm

◯ Employed by State. Indicate department/organization_____

◯ Employed by_____ Provincial Government

◯ Other (Indicate nature) _____

4. Actual physical location of place of practice_____

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5. In the case of an applicant who is applying for the first time, the physical location of the place where he/she intends to practice should the application be approve

6. I am a citizen/non-citizen of Papua New Guinea.

7. IN THE EVENT THAT CHANGES ARE MADE TO THE CONTACT DETAILS SET OUT IN THIS APPLICATION, INCLUDING TELEPHONE NUMBERS, FAX NUMBERS, MOBILE NUMBERS AND PHYSICAL LOCATION OF THE PLACE OF PRACTICE, I UNDERTAKE TO NOTIFY THE LAW SOCIETY OF SUCH CHANGES WITHIN 14 DAYS OF SUCH CHANGE OR CHANGES OCCURRING.

8. I, the above-named applicant, declare that the information set forth in this application is true and correct in every particular.

DATED this _____day of_____2026 .....

(Signature)

NOTE

It should be noted, that by an amendment to the Lawyers Act which came into operation on 31st March 2022, the issuance of an unrestricted practising certificate shall be subject to the following:

(a) a condition imposed by the Council or the Society at the time the certificate is issued; or
(b) a condition prescribed by the Rules; or
(c) any other condition imposed under the Act.

FORM PCA 2 Rule, Sec. 2 (1). (b).

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, (a) ……of ……Lawyer do solemnly and sincerely declare that (b)

I have not held monies for or on behalf of another person in the year commencing ***01st March, 2024*** and **ending *28th February, 2025.***

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the ***Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act Chapter 317*** conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

Declared at …….. (c) ……..

before me

the …… day of …… 20…….. (d) ……..

(e) ……

(a) Here insert name, address and occupation of person making the declaration.
(b) Here insert the matter declared to. Where the matter is long it should be set out in numbered paragraphs.
(c) Signature of person making the declaration.
(d) Signature of person before whom the declaration is made.
(e) Here insert title of person before whom the declaration is made.

Note. -Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.