

LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL

NOTICE 3629 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) (Zk) read with section 85(1)(a) 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, thereby ensuring perfect harmonisation across all relevant rules. The proposed deletions remove the now-obsolete grace period and the associated "statement of intent" requirement, 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 47.7.1 of the Legal Practice Council Rules.

47.7 Every such application shall be accompanied by-

47.7.1 **[in the case of an applicant who, for the first time, is required to be in possession of a Fidelity Fund certificate, a statement indicating 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, failing which a Fidelity Fund certificate will not be issued to him or her until he or she has completed the course]** in the case of an applicant who, for the first time, is required to be in possession of a Fidelity Fund certificate, proof to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant has completed a legal practice management course approved by the Council;

47.7.2 in the case of a legal practitioner other than one referred to in rule 47.7.1, the certificate of an auditor in respect of an audit of his or her trust accounts that had been performed for the year ended immediately prior to the application.

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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