

Admission as a lawyer (non-practitioner) and advocate and solicitor – applications filed on or after 15 December 2025

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Why is there no longer a mass admission ceremony for lawyers (non-practitioner) (“LNP”)?

The reason for discontinuing the LNP mass admission ceremony is to streamline the admissions process based on feedback from stakeholders. It ensures that the admissions process remains efficient and eliminates the need for applicants who are subsequently admitted as advocates and solicitors (“ANS”) to attend two in-person admission hearings.

LNPs who do not have a Practice Training Contract or are not serving their Practice Training Period will have their application for admission fixed for an in-person open court hearing before a Judge (see Q3 below). This gives recognition to the legal education undertaken by these LNPs and continues to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee of Professional Training for Lawyers which acknowledged that there are different career pathways, consistent with the national shift towards a society that embraces broader definitions of success.

2. Which of the two workflows will apply to me?

Applications will be dealt with based on whether the applicant has, at the time of filing of the LNP application: (i) a practice training contract (“PTC”); or (ii) has been appointed to the Singapore Legal Service or Singapore Judicial Service and is serving the practice training period (“PTP”) (collectively, the “Criteria”).

The **LNP Workflow** will apply to applicants who do not meet the Criteria.

The **ANS Workflow** will apply to applicants who meet the Criteria.

3. What is the difference between the LNP Workflow and the ANS Workflow?

Under the **LNP Workflow**, applicants will attend an in-person open court hearing before a Judge to be admitted as an LNP. As these applicants will be

admitted *via* in-person monthly calls, there will not a Mass Admission Ceremony for LNPs who do not meet the Criteria and are getting called under the LNP Workflow.

Under the **ANS Workflow**, applicants will first be admitted as LNPs by way of paper hearing before a Judge. On a designated monthly call date, the applicants will attend in-person in the Supreme Court to make their declarations.¹ Once the applicant completes his/ her PTC or PTP, the applicant may proceed to file an application for admission as ANS. Thereafter, the applicant will attend an in-person open court hearing before a Judge to be admitted as an ANS. This open court hearing may be a Mass Admission Ceremony or a monthly call (as the case may be).

Information on the monthly admission dates and the Mass Admission Ceremony 2026 may be found [here](#).

4. How has the application process changed from last year?

The procedures before filing an application as well as the timelines for the filing of the application documents are stated in the [Legal Profession \(Admission\) Rules 2024](#).

The only new requirement is that the applicant will be required to answer an additional question when filing the application for admission as a LNP on whether he/ she has satisfied the Criteria.

¹ Rule 28 of the Legal Profession (Admission) Rules 2024.