

Admission of Advocates and Solicitors - Mass Call 2022

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How will Mass Call 2022 be conducted?

Mass Call 2022 will be held over 3 sessions on Tuesday 23 August 2022 and Wednesday 24 August 2022 at the Supreme Court auditorium with the applicants physically present while guests log in remotely via Zoom to attend the hearing.

2. Why is Mass Call 2022 conducted in a hybrid format?

While safe management measures have been eased, Mass Call 2022 will be conducted in a hybrid format in view of several considerations. These include the fact that there is still a substantial number of Covid-19 cases in Singapore and that the risk of emerging variants remains. However, we understand that many applicants view the calling to the Singapore Bar as a momentous occasion to be celebrated with their peers. Hence, exceptions were made to allow the applicants to attend the event in person while their guests log in via Zoom.

3. I'm not able to attend the Mass Call Briefing, what should I do?

Given the large number of applicants, attendance at the Mass Call Briefing is <u>compulsory</u> for all applicants seeking admission at Mass Call 2022. The Mass Call Briefing will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>17 August 2022 at 10.00am</u>. This is to ensure the smooth running of the Mass Call.

4. What if I can't attend the Mass Call in August, are there any alternative dates? The next Monthly Call dates after the Mass Call will be on 14 September 2022, 12 October 2022 and 9 November 2022.

5. Do I need to bring my supervising solicitor during Mass Call?

No, each applicant is not required to bring his/her supervising solicitor on that day. A Common Mover will be arranged during the Mass Call.

- 6. Is there a dress code for applicants who will be called at the Mass Call? As Mass Call is a court hearing, the dress code for an applicant at the Mass Call is <u>court</u> attire as set out in paragraph 93 of the Supreme Court Practice Directions 2021, namely:
 - (1) Male applicant: Gown worn over an ordinary long-sleeved white shirt with a turn-down collar, a tie of subdued or sober colour, a dark jacket, dark trousers and black or plain coloured shoes.



(2) Female applicant: Gown worn over a long-sleeved white blouse high to the neck, a dark jacket, a dark skirt or dark trousers and black or plain coloured shoes. Conspicuous jewellery or ornaments should not be worn.

An applicant who is not dressed in accordance with the court attire set out above will be taken off the Hearing List and will not be allowed to participate in the Mass Call.

7. What do applicants need to bring for Mass Call?

An applicant seeking admission at Mass Call is to bring his/her gown, a blue pen and his/her Identification Card/NRIC for registration and verification. More details will be given at the Mass Call Briefing.

8. When is the last day to file my Call Affidavit for Mass Call?

All applicants who intend to seek admission during Mass Call should take note of the timelines for filing of documents under Legal Profession (Admission) Rules 2011 ("LPAR").

Information on the timelines for the filing of documents for Mass Call may be found here.

9. When is the last day to file my Summons for Abridgement for Mass Call that has been scheduled on Monday, 15 August 2022? Information on the timelines for the filing of the Summons for Abridgement for Mass Call may be found <u>here</u>.