

Changes to the Admission Rules

Amendments have been made to the *Supreme Court (Admission) Rules 2004* (Admission Rules) effective 11 September 2015.

Applicants for admission to the legal profession should in particular note that changes have been made to timeframes which apply under the Admission Rules:

- **Rule 11** (Application and Affidavit of compliance)
 - Subrule (1) applications for admission are required to be **filed at least 28 days** before the sitting
 - Subrule (2) affidavits of compliance are required to be **filed at least 14 days** before the sitting

- **Rule 12** (Notice of intention to apply)
 - Subrule (2) an applicant's notice of intention to apply for admission in Form 9 must be **displayed in the registrar's office in Brisbane** and, for an application to the Court in Rockhampton, Townsville or Cairns, in **the registrar's office at the relevant place, at least 28 days** before the sitting
 - Subrule (3) an applicant must arrange for their notice of intention to apply for admission in Form 9 to be **published ONLY in a publication approved by the Chief Justice** under a practice direction, e.g., the Queensland Law Reporter. (This notice must be published at least 14 days, but not more than 28 days, before the sitting)

- **Rule 13** (Documents and fee to be given to the Board)
 - Subrule (2) an applicant is required to **provide a copy of their application and relevant supporting documents** to the Board **at least 28 days** before the sitting
 - Subrule (3) an applicant is required to **provide a copy of their affidavit of compliance** to the Board and pay the prescribed fee to the Board **at least 14 days** before the sitting

NOTE: The above amendments to Rules 11, 12 and 13 **apply to admission sittings held ON or AFTER 1 November 2015**. For sittings held prior to 1 November 2015, the previous timeframes in the Admission Rules continue to apply.