

# Application by Foreign Lawyer for Renewal of Registration to Practise Foreign Law in Queensland

Queensland | *Legal Profession Act 2007* | section 181(1)(a)

QLS FORM 34 (LPA) | version 6

Before an overseas-registered foreign lawyer (who is not also an Australian legal practitioner) first practises foreign law in Queensland, he or she must apply to Queensland Law Society ('QLS') for registration using QLS Form 28 (LPA) – Application by Foreign Lawyer for Grant of Registration to Practise Foreign Law in Queensland (ss165 and 181 of the LPA) unless he or she is already registered in another State or Territory. The registration must be renewed every financial year using this QLS Form 34 (s178 of the LPA).

*If there is insufficient space in any section of the form, please attach an additional page. Only complete the relevant parts of this form.*

## 1. Personal details

Surname	
First name	
Middle names (if any)	
Title	(Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Mx, Other – please specify)
Date of birth	
Preferred pronoun	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Not specified
Residential address	
	Postcode
Preferred postal address	
	Postcode
Address for service in Queensland (must be a street address)	
Preferred telephone number (Include area code)	
Preferred facsimile number (Include area code)	
Preferred email address	

## 1. Personal details *continued*

Are you an Australian legal practitioner (as defined in LPA s6(1))?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
I intend practising the law of	
(Insert name of country or countries)	
in Queensland and I wish to commence on	
(Insert date or 'as soon as possible')	

## 2. Details of admission and registration in a foreign country

If you are registered in more than two foreign countries, please <b>attach</b> a separate page.	
I am currently registered to engage in legal practice by the following foreign registration authorities in the following foreign countries (LPA 182(2))	
1	
2	
Date of each admission as a lawyer (Include country and state)	
1	
2	
Place of each admission (Include country and state)	
1	
2	
Place of each current registration as a lawyer (Include country and state)	
1	
2	
Date of expiry of each current registration as a lawyer	
1	
2	

Enquiries and completed payment details (if applicable) –

Records and Member Services, Queensland Law Society, GPO Box 1785, Brisbane Qld 4001  
p 1300 367 757 | f 07 3842 5999 | [records@qls.com.au](mailto:records@qls.com.au) | For more information visit [qls.com.au](http://qls.com.au) | ABN 33 423 389 441

**2. Details of admission and registration in a foreign country *continued***

## Postal address of each foreign registration authority

1	
	Postcode

2	
	Postcode

## Telephone number of each foreign registration authority

1	(Include country code)
2	(Include country code)

## Facsimile number of each foreign registration authority

1	(Include country code)
2	(Include country code)

## Email address of each foreign registration authority

1	
2	

## Website address of each foreign registration authority

1	
2	

**3. Queensland law practice/employment details**

Name of law practice/employer

Business street address

Postcode

**3. Queensland law practice/employment details *continued***

Business postal address

Postcode

Business telephone number (Include area code)

Business facsimile number (Include area code)

Business email address

**Employment status**a) private practice ☐
☐ partner ☐ sole practitioner ☐ employee  
☐ consultant ☐ director
b) community legal centre ☐c) corporation (other than an incorporated legal practice) ☐d) government ☐
☐ government department ☐ government agency  
☐ local government
e) locum tenens ☐f) other (please specify below) ☐Do you intend to receive trust monies in Queensland? ☐ yes ☐ no

Name of trust account (If 'yes', please complete the details below)

Name of bank where trust account is held

Street address of bank

Postcode

BSB number

Account number

Date trust account was opened (Insert day, month, year)

**4. Professional indemnity insurance (LPA s175)**

- (a) Do you have professional indemnity insurance that conforms with the requirements applicable for Australian legal practitioners in any jurisdiction? ☐ yes ☐ no
- (b) If your answer to (a) was 'no', do you have professional indemnity insurance that covers the practice of foreign law in Queensland and complies with the relevant requirements of a foreign law or foreign registration authority? ☐ yes ☐ no
- (i) If 'yes', is the insurance for \$1.5 million or more per claim (including defence costs)? ☐ yes ☐ no
- (ii) If your answer to (i) was 'no', do you agree to provide a disclosure statement to each client disclosing the level of cover as required by s175(1)(b)(ii) of the *Legal Profession Act 2007*? ☐ yes ☐ no
- (c) If your answer to (a) or (b) was 'no', do you agree to provide a disclosure statement as required by s175(1)(c) of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* to each client disclosing that you do not have complying professional indemnity insurance? ☐ yes ☐ no

**5. Details of disciplinary proceedings and criminal history (LPA ss181(6), 182(2))**

Are you the subject of any disciplinary proceeding in Australia or a foreign country (including any preliminary investigations or action that might lead to a disciplinary proceeding) in your capacity as –

- (i) an overseas-registered foreign lawyer; or ☐ yes ☐ no
- (ii) an Australian-registered foreign lawyer; or ☐ yes ☐ no
- (iii) an Australian lawyer? ☐ yes ☐ no

Nature and particulars of the proceedings

Relevant jurisdiction *(Including country and state)*

Name and contact details of the investigating authority and/or disciplinary tribunal

Have you ever been convicted of an offence in Australia or a foreign country? ☐ yes ☐ no

*A conviction includes a finding of guilt or the acceptance of a guilty plea, whether or not a conviction is recorded (LPA s11(1))*

Nature of the offence

Name and place of court

Date offence was committed *(insert day, week, month, year)*

Your age when the offence was committed

**5. Details of disciplinary proceedings and criminal history (LPA ss181(6), 182(2)) continued**

Is your registration cancelled or currently suspended in any place as a result of any disciplinary action in Australia or a foreign country? ☐ yes ☐ no

If 'yes', provide full details

Are you: ☐ yes ☐ no

(i) otherwise personally prohibited from engaging in legal practice in any place or bound by any undertaking not to engage in legal practice in any place; or

(ii) subject to any special conditions in engaging in legal practice in any place as a result of any criminal, civil or disciplinary proceeding in Australia or a foreign country?

If 'yes', provide full details

Are you subject to any special conditions imposed in Australia or a foreign country that restricts the legal practice you may engage in? ☐ yes ☐ no

If 'yes', provide full details

Have you given any undertaking restricting your practise of law? ☐ yes ☐ no

If 'yes', provide full details

**6. Supporting documents**

You are required to provide the following documents (if you have not already done so) in support of your application:

- (a) an original instrument (or a certified copy) from each foreign registration authority mentioned above that:
- (i) verifies your educational and professional qualifications listed in part 1 above (there is no need to provide this documentation if you have previously done so);
  - (ii) verifies your registration by the authority to engage in legal practice in the foreign country, and the date of registration; and
  - (iii) describes anything you have done in engaging in legal practice in that foreign country of which the authority is aware and which the authority believes has had or is likely to have had an adverse effect on your professional standing within the legal profession of that place (or states that you have not engaged in such conduct);
- (b) (if you answered 'yes' to either 4(a) or 4(b) above) proof of the insurance cover (eg a copy of the current insurance policy or certificate of insurance); and
- (c) (if any of the documents accompanying this application are not in English) a certified or authenticated translation of each document in English.

Electronic Transactions Act

In accordance with the *Electronic Transactions (Queensland) Act 2001*, the Society may provide notices, such as practising certificate renewals, to you by electronic communication. By completing this application, your consent to this form of contact is taken to be given.

Privacy statement

**WE RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY.** This form asks for *personal information*. Please refer to our **Personal Information Collection Notice** for more details. The notice can be accessed **here**. If you have any questions or are unable access it online, please contact us on 1300 367 757.

7. Consent and certification

I consent to the making of inquiries of, and the exchange of information with, any foreign registration authorities that the Queensland Law Society considers appropriate regarding my activities in engaging in legal practice in the places concerned or otherwise regarding matters relevant to this application.

I certify that the documents accompanying this application are the originals or complete and accurate copies of the originals.

I solemnly and sincerely declare that the information and particulars set forth in this form are complete and accurate in every detail.

Signature

Full name

Date

Please send the completed application to

Queensland Law Society  
Level 2, Law Society House  
179 Ann Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

OR

GPO Box 1785, Brisbane Qld 4001