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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 101 of the Legal Services Act, 2020, the Cabinet makes the following Regulations —

Citation and commencement

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Services (Savings and Transitional) Regulations, 2025.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on 1st January, 2026.

Savings and transitional provisions

2. The following savings and transitional provisions shall apply in accordance with section 101 of the Act —
 - (a) a law firm that immediately prior to the commencement of the Act was practising Cayman Islands law may continue to practise Cayman Islands law without complying with section 28(2)(a) of the Act;
 - (b) a law firm that immediately prior to the commencement of the Act was practising Cayman Islands law may continue to practise Cayman Islands law without complying with section 50(6) of the Act for a period not exceeding six months after the date of commencement of the Act;

- (c) where prior to the commencement of the Act, a law firm or an affiliate of a law firm employs, or has a contract of employment with, a person for the practice of Cayman Islands law by the person —
 - (i) the requirement in section 32(3)(e) that a person be entitled to practise law in any court referred to in that section shall not apply if the person has been duly admitted to practise law in any court or jurisdiction referred to in that section (whether or not the person holds a current practising certificate to practise in such court or jurisdiction);
 - (ii) the requirement in section 33(1) of the Act shall not apply if the person holds at least three years post-qualification experience in the practice of law (which experience may include the practice of Cayman Islands law or practice in any court or jurisdiction referred to in section 32(3)(e) of the Act); and
 - (iii) the requirement in section 33(2) of the Act shall not apply, if the person's removal from the register or its equivalent was not the result of or connected with any professional misconduct or disciplinary proceedings.
- (d) a company, limited liability company, partnership or limited liability partnership that immediately prior to the commencement of the Act was a law firm shall be deemed to be a recognised law entity for the purposes of section 54 of the Act; and
- (e) a person practising Cayman Islands law in another jurisdiction with a law firm or an affiliate of a law firm immediately before the commencement of the Act may continue to practise Cayman Islands law for a period of six months after the commencement of the Act without being admitted as an attorney-at-law or complying with the requirement to have a practising certificate authorizing the practice of Cayman Islands law in another jurisdiction, provided that the person —
 - (i) pays the fees required to be paid under sections 34(2)(c) and 49(2) of the Act on or before 15th February, 2026; and
 - (ii) makes (or intends in good faith to make) an application to be admitted as an attorney-at-law before the expiry of that period or ceases to practise law by the expiry of that period; and



- (f) a person may practise in the Islands the law of another jurisdiction without the consent of the Council and without complying with section 96 of the Act for a period of six months after the commencement of the Act if the person makes an application for the consent of the Council and pays the prescribed application fee in accordance with section 96 of the Act on or before 15th February, 2026.

Made in Cabinet the 13th day of November, 2025.

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Clerk of the Cabinet