

**LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND**

**FORM 1**

**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ENTER INTO INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP**

I, .....,  
of .....,  
in the City/County of ..... **HEREBY APPLY** to the Law Society of Ireland  
("the Society") for consent to enter into indentures of apprenticeship with .....,  
....., Solicitor, of .....,  
in the City/County of....., for a term of service as a trainee solicitor thereunder of two years to commence on the date that will be fourteen days after the date on which the later of the following occurs, namely, my duly completing the Society's Professional Practice Course I and my sitting the last of the individual examinations comprising the Society's Final Examination - Second Part as I shall be required to sit.

1. I was born on the ..... day of ..... 19.....  
[Official copy of my birth certificate attached]
2. I passed the Society's Preliminary Examination in ..... 19..... / 20.....  
[Evidence attached]  
or  
\*I am exempted from sitting the Society's Preliminary Examination by reason of holding a recognised degree\*\*  
[Certified copy of degree attached]  
or  
\*I am exempted from sitting the Society's Preliminary Examination by reason of holding a degree (not being an honorary degree) or other qualification which, in the opinion of the Society's Education Committee in the particular case, is equivalent to a recognised degree.  
[Certified copy of degree, and written confirmation of the decision of the Society's Education Committee of its equivalence to a recognised degree, attached]  
or  
\*I am exempted from sitting the Society's Preliminary Examination by reason of being a law clerk within the meaning of section 26 (as substituted by section 42 of the Solicitors (Amendment) Act, 1994) of the Solicitors Act, 1954 and I have attained a standard of education and experience as, in the opinion of the Society's Education Committee in the particular case, is equivalent to the Society's Preliminary Examination.  
[Copy of written confirmation of the decision of the Society's Education Committee in that regard attached]
3. I passed the Society's Final Examination - First Part in ..... 19 ..... / 20 .....  
[Evidence attached]

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4. I passed the Society's First Irish Examination in ..... 19 ..... / 20 .....  
[Evidence attached]
5. My previous education record is as set forth in the attached certificate signed by me.  
[Attached certificate should give details of primary, secondary and university education and public examination(s) passed and degree(s) obtained]
6. My previous employment record is as set forth in the attached certificate signed by me.  
[Attached certificate should give details of name and address of each employer, applicant's occupation in each employment and period of each employment]

7. I attach character references from:

(i) Name: .....  
Occupation: .....  
Address: .....

and

(ii) Name: .....  
Occupation: .....  
Address: .....

[At least two character references should accompany this application in addition to the character references contained in the accompanying Certificate of the proposed training solicitor, but other character references may be requested by the Society's Education Committee]

8. I have not been convicted of any crime, nor has the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907 been applied to any charge against me, nor is there any criminal charge pending against me (other than as attached).  
[Delete words in brackets, if inapplicable]
9. I hereby authorise the Society to make such enquiries as they deem it proper to make in exercise of their powers in that regard pursuant to section 27 (as substituted by section 43 of the Solicitors (Amendment) Act, 1994) of the Solicitors Act, 1954.

**Dated this ..... day of ..... 20.....**

**Signature of Applicant .....**

[\*Delete if inapplicable]

[\*\*A "recognised degree" means a degree from any of the universities of Ireland, England, Scotland or Wales, or a degree conferred or recognised by the National Council for Educational Awards under section 3 of the National Council for Educational Awards Act, 1979 or recognised by any such other body as may be established by law in the State to assume the functions of the National Council for Educational Awards.]