
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 582

Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

PART II

QUALIFICATION, ADMISSION, PRACTISING CERTIFICATES, ETC.

Practising certificates

[^{F1}Application for issue of practising certificate freed from terms and conditions

17A.—(1) Where, in accordance with a direction given under Article 14, 14A, 15, 16 or this Article, a subsequent practising certificate is issued to a solicitor subject to any terms and conditions, the solicitor may, within one month from the date on which the certificate is issued, apply to the Council for the issue of the certificate free from those terms and conditions; and on such an application the Council may in their discretion—

- (a) grant or refuse the application;
- (b) direct the registrar to issue—
 - (i) the certificate; or
 - (ii) the certificate and any subsequent practising certificate issued to the solicitor, subject to such other terms and conditions as the Council may think fit.

(2) A solicitor aggrieved by a decision of the Council under paragraph (1) may, within one month from the date on which notice of that decision is served on him, appeal to the Lord Chief Justice who may—

- (a) affirm the decision; or
- (b) give to the registrar any direction which could have been given to him by the Council under paragraph (1).

(3) For the purposes of this Article a solicitor who has not received a practising certificate free from terms and conditions within three weeks after he applied to the Council for it shall be deemed to have received notice at the expiration of that period that the application has been refused.]

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