

## **Urgent Notice**

3 September 2019

### **Conveyancing and Notarial Practice examinations restored to original dates of 11 and 12 September 2019**

Following communication of 02 September 2019 that the Conveyancing examination has been split to two dates to afford the candidates an opportunity to study in between the 2 papers and that the Notarial Practice examination had been moved to 5 October 2019 the Legal Practice Council (LPC) received indication that some candidates will be inconvenienced by the changes. In response to the concerns LPC Executive Committee in consultation with the examination service provider has considered the matter.

The LPC would like to confirm that it has restored the dates and times for the upcoming Conveyancing (both Paper 1 and 2) and Notarial Practice examinations to the original dates of the 11 and 12 September 2019. **However, candidates who are sitting for the conveyancing examination are afforded the option to choose to write their examination over two days being the 11 and 28 September 2019 for paper 1 and 2, respectively.**

In order for the LPC to implement the two-legged conveyancing examination approach we request candidates who would like to use the opportunity to write the papers on 11 and 28 September 2019 to indicate as such on or before 14:00 on Thursday the 05th day of September 2019. All those who will not indicate their election to write over a period of two days will be taken to have chosen to write the two papers on the 11 of September.

The LPC believes that, going forward, the new policy will be beneficial to many practitioners who would like to specialize in the areas of Conveyancing and Notarial Practice. They will have reasonable preparation time between the examinations. Further, the two conveyancing papers will be assessed separately, and candidates will have a given period within which to pass the remaining paper of the two papers. This will ensure that we improve access to this specialized legal field without compromising the competency standards.

“Our decision to split the dates was not taken lightly, it was informed by a proposal we received from our examination body who felt that it is in line with the requirement of the Legal Practice Act, 28 of 2014, the LPC must adopt measures to enhance entry into the legal profession. We would like to sincerely apologize to all the candidates for any inconvenience this may have caused. We are looking forward to receiving all candidates for the exams” said Advocate, Anthea Platt SC, Acting Chairperson of the Legal Practice Council.

For ease of reference, please see below:

## CONVEYANCING EXAMINATION

DATE & TIME	PAPER *
Wednesday, 11 September 2019 9:00 - 11:15	Paper 1 Statutes, ordinances and case law applicable to conveyancing
Wednesday, 11 September 2019 12:00 – 16:15	Paper 2 The practice and procedure of conveyancing. Drafting of deeds, certificates, applications, consents, agreements and other documents

## NOTARIAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION

DATE & TIME
Thursday, 12 September 2019 9:00 - 13:15

## CONVEYANCING PAPER 2 EXAMINATION – 2<sup>nd</sup> option

DATE & TIME
Saturday, 28 September 2019 9:00 - 13:15

Ends/

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