
LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL REASONS FOR INCREASED ANNUAL LEVIES FOR 2020

The LPC published a proposal and called for comment for the amendment of Rule 4 on 4 October 2019, to increase annual levies.

It received 77 comments from both individuals and institutions. The Finance and Human Resource Committee of Council reviewed all the comments.

Council approved and gazetted the final amendment to Rule 4 to increase annual levies as follows:

- All legal practitioners practising for 2 years and less – R1725 (incl. VAT)
- All practising legal practitioners – R4025 (incl. VAT)
- All non-practising legal practitioners be exempted from paying subscriptions.

Council took into account all submissions and all relevant factors and arrived at a reasoned decision. Regrettably, there is an increase, but this was unavoidable in the circumstances.

In particular, the Council needed to ensure that it is able to sustain the core and the support functions of the Council. It also considered the proposed LPFF appropriation for 2020, which is limited to what the Fund can afford after payment of claims relating to the misappropriation of public funds by errant legal practitioners.

The Executive Committee
Legal Practice Council
20 January 2020