



**NOTICE TO LEGAL PRACTITIONERS:
TERMINATION, CANCELLATION, CESSION OR ABANDONMENT OF A PRACTICAL
VOCATIONAL TRAINING CONTRACT**

Dear Legal Practitioners

The Legal Practice Council (“LPC”) hereby wishes to highlight the provisions of Rule 22.1.7.1 of the Rules made in terms of sections 95(1), 95(3) and 109(2) of the Legal Practice Act No. 28 of 2014 (“the Rules”) -

22.1.7.1 *If a practical vocational training contract is for any reason cancelled, abandoned or ceded, the **principal** with whom the candidate attorney is serving at that time must forthwith in writing notify the Council of such cancellation, abandonment or cession...*

The Legal Practice Council has noted an increase in instances where candidate legal practitioners enter into further practical vocational training contracts without the LPC having been informed of the termination of prior practical vocational training contracts. This results in inaccurate records relating to both candidate legal practitioners and legal practitioners.

Legal Practitioners are requested to timeously notify the relevant provincial office of the Legal Practice Council, of the cancellation, abandonment, termination or cession of any practical vocational training contracts.

Any cession of a contract of practical vocational training must be registered with the LPC on compliance with all the requirements as set out in subrule 22.1.6 of the Rules and it is important that there is no break in service by a candidate legal practitioner under the existing contract of practical vocational training and the commencement date of the cession

Contact details of the various provincial offices is available at <https://lpc.org.za/contact/provincial-offices>

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