

FORM B

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN LAW FIRM/RENEWAL OF
REGISTRATION OF A LOCAL OFFICE OF A FOREIGN LAW FIRM
[Section 10G of the Law Practitioners Act]**

*(To be completed in English and signed by the Senior Partner/Managing
Partner/Managing Director of the foreign law firm seeking
registration of its local office in Mauritius)*

1. Particulars of proposed local office

(1) Name
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(2) Business address (in Mauritius)
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(3) Telephone no. (in Mauritius)

(4) Fax no. (in Mauritius)
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(5) Email address (if any)
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(6) Proposed/existing activities of
local office (areas of practice and
specialisation) –
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(7) Is the proposed Yes/No* local
office a regional office? If "Yes",
please state countries covered

(8) Staff

**Delete as appropriate*

	† Local	Foreign
Proposed/existing number of local law practitioners and foreign lawyers		
Proposed/existing number of professional/managerial/executive staff		
Proposed/existing number of secretarial and clerical staff		
Total		

† Mauritian citizen or permanent resident

- (9) Details of foreign lawyers attached to the local office who are entitled to provide legal services in Mauritius –
(See Notes 2, 3(b) and 3(c) of the Notes to Applicants)

Name	Profession	Qualifications

(Attach separate sheet, if required)

- (10) Details of local law practitioners attached to the local office who are entitled to provide legal services in Mauritius –

Name	Profession	Qualifications

(Attach separate sheet, if required)

(11) Business spending

Total operating expenditure of the local office in Mauritius (Rs)	**Existing	Proposed expenditure	
	Year	Year	Year
Salaries including pension fund contributions			
Rental (office, residence, machinery and equipment, etc.)			
Others (travelling, marketing, utilities, etc.)			

***Not applicable for new registration*

2. Particulars of parent law firm/company

(1)	Name
(2)	Business address
(3)	Telephone no.
(4)	Fax no.
(5)	Email address (if any)
(6)	Date and place of incorporation or establishment of parent law firm/company <i>(See Note 3(a) of the Notes to Applicants)</i>
(7)	Authorised capital (if applicable)	Rs

(8)	Paid-up capital (if applicable)	Rs
(9)	List of major partners/shareholders, their nationalities and percentage share

Partners/Shareholders	Nationality	% shares held

(10) Turnover of firm/company for the past 3 years

Year			
Gross turnover (Rs)			
Net profit (Rs)			

(11) Details of business activities

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3. Length of registration

The foreign law firm wishes to apply for registration of its local office in Mauritius for a period of* –

12 months 24 months 36 months

* Tick as appropriate

4. Declaration and undertakings

- (1) I declare that all the information I have given in this form and the supporting documents are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- (2) If this application is approved by the Attorney-General, I hereby give to the Attorney-General the undertakings that –
 - (a) the local office shall not provide or put itself forward as providing legal services on, or in relation to, Mauritian law;
 - (b) the local office shall abide by the relevant provisions of the Law Practitioners Act and regulations made under it, and shall comply with all applicable laws in Mauritius and all the relevant notices, conditions, guidelines and guidance notes that have been issued by the Attorney-General as at the date of this application and at any time thereafter, as well as additional conditions (if any) stated in the certificate of registration of the foreign law firm; and
 - (c) I shall forthwith inform the Attorney-General in writing in the event that –
 - (i) there is any alteration in the particulars submitted in this application;
 - (ii) the foreign law firm has ceased to provide legal services in Mauritius or has been wound up or suspended or struck off.

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Date	Signature	Firm's/Company's official stamp (if any)
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Particulars of the person (Senior Partner/Managing Partner/Managing Director of the foreign law firm) who signs this form –

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Name in block letters	Designation
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Nationality

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NIC no./Passport no.*

* *Delete as appropriate*

NOTES TO APPLICANTS

1. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Law Practitioners Act, in particular sections 10G, 10K and 10N and to the Law Practitioners (Registration of Law Firms, Foreign Law Firms, Joint Law Ventures and Foreign Lawyers) Regulations 2008.

2. Please provide at least 2 names of foreign lawyers.

Under section 10G(2)(c) of the Act, the local office must have at least 2 lawyers in its office in Mauritius who are qualified under the law of the home jurisdiction to practise the law of that jurisdiction, and who have already been registered pursuant to section 10K of the Act.

3. The application form, duly completed, should be accompanied by –

- (a) a certified copy of a document which shows that the firm is licensed or registered as a law firm in its home jurisdiction;
- (b) a certified copy of a document, in respect of every foreign lawyer who shall be attached to the firm's local office, which shows that the lawyer is qualified to practise the law of the home jurisdiction or another foreign country;
- (c) a certified copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Attorney-General under section 10K of the Act in respect of every foreign lawyer registered to provide legal services within that foreign law firm in Mauritius; and
- (d) the processing fee of 10,000 rupees,

and should be sent to the Chief Legal Secretary at the following address –

The Chief Legal Secretary
Attorney-General's Office
2nd Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building
Jules Koenig Street, Port-Louis