

# Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2025

Explanatory notes for SL 2025 No. 6

Made under the

*Legal Profession Act 2007*

## General Outline

Short Title

*Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2025*

## Authorising law

Section 697 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007*

## Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *Legal Profession Act 2007* (the Act) provides for the regulation of Queensland's legal profession. The Queensland Law Society (QLS) is constituted under the Act.

Section 696 of the Act provides for the QLS to make society rules for various purposes, including for the regulation and good government of the law society and its members and to fix fees, levies and subscriptions in relation to QLS membership.

Section 697(1) of the Act provides that society rules have no effect unless the Minister notifies the making of the rules. Section 697(2) of the Act provides that the notice is subordinate legislation.

The society rules made and notified under sections 696 and 697 of the Act are consolidated in the Legal Profession (Society) Rules 2007 (Society Rules). Schedule 1 of the *Legal Profession (Society Rules) Notice 2017* notifies the making of, and specifies the commencement date for, society rules.

The purpose of the *Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2025* (Notice) is to give notice of the making of the Legal Profession (Society) Amendment Rule (No. 3) 2024 (Amendment Rule) by the QLS Council.

The Amendment Rule amends the Society Rules to:

- a) make clearer the relationship between membership and participation in the Queensland Law Society Professional Standards Scheme;
- b) streamline provisions about membership to clarify when a membership begins, ends or renews;
- c) add a Schedule 2 to prescribe fees, contributions and levies charged by QLS for membership and membership-related benefits; and
- d) remove spent rules.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The Notice gives effect to the Amendment Rule.

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The Notice is consistent with the policy objectives of the Act, which provides for the making of the Society Rules by the QLS.

## **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

The Notice is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The benefit of the Notice is that it gives effect to the mentioned amendments to the Society Rules. There are no costs associated with implementation of the Notice.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

The Notice is made at the request of the QLS.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation has not been consulted because the Notice is of a machinery nature and does not require detailed regulatory impact analysis under the *Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy*.