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The Law Society of Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Society by the European Communities (Lawyers' Establishment) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No.732 of 2003), Section 47 of the Solicitors Act 1954 (as substituted by Section 54 of the Solicitors (Amendment) Act 1994), Section 82 of the Solicitors Act 1954, Section 22 of the Solicitors (Amendment) Act 1960 (as substituted by Section 30 of the Solicitors (Amendment) Act 1994) and Regulation 9(c) of the Registered European Lawyers' Qualifying Certificate Regulations 2020 hereby make the following Regulations:

1. Citation and Commencement

- (a) These Regulations may be cited as the Registered European Lawyers Qualifying Certificate (Application Fee) Regulations 2025.
- (b) These Regulations shall apply in respect of the 2026 practice year.

2. Definitions

- (a) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - “**Act of 1960**” means the Solicitors (Amendment) Act 1960 (No. 37 of 1960);
 - “**Act of 2015**” means the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015 (No. 65 of 2015);
 - “**application**” means the application in accordance with Regulation 8 of the 2003 Regulations and the 2020 Regulations delivered to the Registrar by an applicant registered lawyer for a qualifying certificate, pursuant to these Regulations and shall include a completed Qualifying Certificate Application Form, full application fee and any information required to be provided to the Society pursuant to these Regulations;
 - “**application fee**” means the total amount of fees payable in respect of any application for a qualifying certificate under the 2003 Regulations and the 2020 Regulations, as set by the Society from time to time and includes where appropriate and applicable, the registration fee, the contribution to the Compensation Fund pursuant to Section 22 of the Act of 1960, the contribution in respect of the Authority's Levy Fund under the Act of 2015, and other fees specified by the Schedule of these Regulations, and shall, where applicable, mean the fees payable under these Regulations;

“Lawyers’ Establishment Directive” means Directive 98/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 (as amended).

“qualifying certificate” has the meaning assigned to it by the 2003 Regulations;

“2003 Regulations” means the European Communities (Lawyers’ Establishment) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No.732 of 2003) as amended by the European Communities (Lawyers’ Establishment) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No.752 of 2004, S.I. No.96 of 2008 and S.I. No.46 of 2015).

“2020 Regulations” means the Registered European Lawyers’ Qualifying Certificate Regulations 2020.

“2026 practice year” means the calendar year commencing on 1 January 2026 and ending on 31 December 2026;

- (b) Other words and phrases in these Regulations shall have the meanings assigned to them by the Solicitors Acts 1954 - 2015, the Act of 2015, the Lawyers’ Establishment Directive, the 2003 Regulations or the 2020 Regulations where the context so permits.
- (c) The Interpretation Act 2005 applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Oireachtas.

3. **Application Fee**

- (a) The application fee specified in the First Schedule hereto shall be payable in respect of applications for qualifying certificates for the 2026 practice year.
- (b) The fees specified in the Second Schedule hereto shall be payable in respect of the applications referred to in the Second Schedule for the 2026 practice year.

Signed on behalf of the Law Society of Ireland pursuant to Section 79 of the Solicitors Act 1954

25 November 2025

ROSEMARIE LOFTUS,
President of the Law Society of Ireland.

FIRST SCHEDULE**within referred to****EURO**

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| (a) | Registration Fee for the 2026 practice year payable to the Society on application for a qualifying certificate by an applicant registered lawyer admitted to the Register of Registered Lawyers for three years or more on 1 January 2026: | €1615 |
| (b) | Registration Fee for the 2026 practice year payable to the Society on application for a qualifying certificate by an applicant registered lawyer originally admitted to the Register of Registered Lawyers for less than three years on 1 January 2026: | €1325 |
| (c) | Contribution to the Compensation Fund for the 2026 practice year payable to the Society on application for a qualifying certificate by an applicant registered lawyer: | €700 |
| (d) | Contribution to the Legal Services Regulatory Authority Levy Fund for the 2026 practice year payable to the Society on application for a qualifying certificate by an applicant registered lawyer. | €600 |

SECOND SCHEDULE**within referred to**

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| (e) | Fee payable to the Society on each application, pursuant to Section 17 of the Solicitors (Amendment) Act 1960, for a copy of an entry on File A, File B or File C: | €100 |
| (f) | Fee payable to the Society on each application, pursuant to Regulation 10 of the 2020 Regulations, for the issue of a duplicate original qualifying certificate for the 2026 practice year. | €100 |

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