

NOTARIES (POST-ADMISSION TRAINING AND SUPERVISION) RULES

CONSULTATION

The consultation issued to the notarial profession on the replacement for the existing Notaries (Post-Admission) Rules 2009 was issued at the beginning of November 2018 with a closing date of 14th December.

We received comments from ten individual notaries which represents 1.3% of the profession. We are grateful for the positive and helpful comments we received which we are taking into account when revising the draft rules.

Amongst the issues raised were the following:

- The eligibility of supervisors and what the criteria might be for entry onto the Register of Supervisors (rule 3) and the period in practice required for a supervisor.
- There was a general consensus that the number of meetings between the supervisor and newly admitted notary was right but some concern was expressed that first two meetings were placed too close together (rule 6).
- There was a helpful suggestion that the location of the supervision visit might be varied by the supervisor on reasonable grounds; there was also a suggestion that the number of visits could be extended if the supervisor believed it desirable, especially if more time is needed.

The draft rules will be forwarded very shortly to the Legal Services Board with a view to the Master making the rules to come into force in March or April this year.