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**LPC COVID- BENEVOLENT SCHEME  
CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR A BENEFIT**

Applicants may be individual legal practitioners or candidate legal practitioners.

Benefits will be in the form of grants.

1. The Applicant must:

- 1.1 be a practicing legal practitioner in good standing with the LPC (e.g. must in applicable-cases be in possession of a current Fidelity Fund Certificate and must either be up to date with all payments due to the LPC, including subscriptions and fines), or have entered in to payment arrangement with the LPC in relation there to; or
- 1.2 be a registered candidate attorney or pupil, as defined in the Legal Practice Act
- 1.3 not be subject to an application for suspension or striking from the roll;
- 1.4 state whether an application has been made to any other entity for relief (such as the Unemployment Insurance Fund, the Solidarity Fund, a Bar Council) for benefits and, if so, state what benefits were applied for and what benefits, if any, have been received or committed to be paid by any other such entity;
- 1.5 satisfy the LPC that the financial difficulties that give rise to the application for benefits arise directly from the COVID-19 lockdown;
- 1.6 complete the Benevolent Scheme application form and submit all documents and information required, to the satisfaction of the LPC, before an application will be considered. The application form will require their personal bank statements for the period 1 January 2020 to 30 April 2020 together with, in the case of those who are employed by attorneys, a letter from the firm confirming the period for which remuneration has not been paid and making disclosure, if applicable, of any assistance applied for or received in terms of paragraph 1.4 above;

The assistance is given in a form of a once off grant in the amount of R 5000.00. Applying legal practitioners should not be earning more than R30 000.00 net salary,