

**APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN FIDELITY FUND CERTIFICATE**  
**to**  
**LEGAL PRACTITIONERS DEVELOPMENT FUND NPC**

Applicant's surname and initials	
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The main business of the LPDF is to maintain and enhance professional standards within the legal profession and advance the growth and sustainability of legal practices as business concerns.

The LPDF is aware that, particularly as a result of the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, many Legal Practitioners have found themselves in financial difficulty and are, in particular, trying to get their practices up and running to their full capacity and many have not been able to obtain the annual audit certificate that is required for the issue of a Fidelity Fund Certificate.

The LPDF is willing to assist Legal Practitioners who have been unable to pay the costs ("the audit costs") that are entailed in obtaining the certificate of an auditor ("the audit certificate") in respect of an audit on the Legal Practitioner's trust accounts that is required to have been performed for the year ended immediately prior to the Legal Practitioner's application for the current Fidelity Fund Certificate, which certificate is required in terms of Rule 47.7.2 of the Rules;

The LPDF's assistance will only be provided to legal practitioners who:

- were required to obtain a Fidelity Fund Certificate for the first time within the 5 years preceding the date of application to the LPDF for such assistance; and
- were in possession of a Fidelity Fund Certificate for the preceding year; and
- are not facing any application for suspension or striking off; and
- are not subject to any pending disciplinary complaint and/or proceedings relating to allegations of abuse of trust moneys;

The LPDF's assistance will be granted at its sole discretion, and no applicant shall have any right to receive such assistance or any right of appeal against the failure of his/her application.

I hereby apply for assistance in regard to a contribution to the audit costs to obtain the audit certificate in respect of an audit on the Legal Practitioner's trust account, which certificate is required in terms of Rule 47.7.2 of the Rules, to enable me to obtain my current Fidelity Fund Certificate.

Applicant:	
Surname:	
First Name/s:	
ID No:	
LPC Number (available on LPC website):	
Name of firm:	
Names of all partners/directors	
Practice Address:	
Residential Address:	
E-mail address:	
Cell phone number:	
Date of admission:	
Date on which first required to obtain a Fidelity Fund Certificate ("FFC")	
Date of last FFC	

I hereby warrant that all of the information contained in this document is correct and that:

- I was in possession of a Fidelity Fund Certificate for the preceding year; and
- the only reason why I have not been able to provide the audit certificate to enable me to obtain my current Fidelity Fund Certificate is that I am unable to pay the required audit fee; and
- I am not facing any application for suspension or striking off; and
- I am not subject to any pending disciplinary complaint and/or proceedings relating to allegations of abuse or misappropriation of trust moneys.

In the event that my application is successful, I agree to cede to the LPDF my right, title and interest to any claim that I may have against the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund ("the LPFF") for a refund of the audit costs, or any part of those costs, and to direct that the LPFF shall pay any such amount to a bank account nominated by the LPDF in writing.

I provide the following motivation and documents in support of my application:

All applications should be sent to [applications@lpdf.org.za](mailto:applications@lpdf.org.za).

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

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Applicant

**FOR LPDF ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY:**

Claim            approved / declined.

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Signed

Date: