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*All payments must be made via the online payment gateway feature on the Malaysian Bar website.*

**Circular No 151/2025  
Dated 9 May 2025**

To Members of the Malaysian Bar

**2025 Malaysian Bar Payments Required under the Legal Profession Act 1976**

Kindly be informed that the following annual subscription, contribution, prescribed fee and levies for 2025 are now due and payable.

No	Payments Required under the Legal Profession Act 1976 ("LPA")	Amount (RM)	Mode of Payment
(1)	Annual Subscription — Section 46(1) of the LPA	450	All payments must be made via the online payment gateway feature on the Malaysian Bar website.
(2)	Building Fund (Levy) — Section 46(3) of the LPA	250	
(3)	LawCare Fund (Levy) — Section 46(3) of the LPA	100	
(4)	Legal Aid Fund (Levy) — Section 46(3) of the LPA	100	
(5)	Legal Research (Levy) (1 Jan 2025 – 30 June 2025) — Section 46(3) of the LPA	100	
(6)	Legal Research (Levy) (1 July 2025 – 31 Dec 2025) — Section 46(3) of the LPA	163.62	
(7)	MyBar Games Fund (Levy) — Section 46(3) of the LPA	10	
(8)	Sports Fund (Levy) — Section 46(3) of the LPA	20	
(9)	Compensation Fund (Contribution) — Section 80(2) of the LPA	100	
(10)	Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee) — Section 29(1)(c) of the LPA	60	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,353.62</b>	

We draw your attention to sections 44, 46(5) and 46(6) of the LPA, which read as follows (emphases added):

Section 44 All members who are not in arrears with their subscription under section 46 shall be eligible—  
(a) to attend and vote at any general meeting;  
(b) subject to section 46A, to be elected to the Bar Council; and  
(c) to vote on the election of members to the Bar Council.

Section 46(5) Liability to pay any annual subscription to the Malaysian Bar shall arise when the subscription has been fixed by the Bar Council. All annual subscriptions to the Malaysian Bar shall be paid by the **30th day of June of each year**.

Section 46(6) An advocate and solicitor shall, if he pays his annual subscription after the date mentioned in subsection (5), pay to the Bar Council, in addition to the subscription due, **an amount equivalent** to the subscription so due.

In accordance with section 46(5), the only payment that is due by **30 June 2025 (Monday)** is the annual subscription amounting to RM450. Payment of the balance, amounting to RM903.62, is only required when you apply for your Sijil Annual and Practising Certificate (“SAPC”) 2026.

No SAPC will be issued to an advocate and solicitor in the event of failure to remit the required payments.

We draw your attention to section 36(1) of the LPA, which reads as follows:

Subject to this section, no person shall practise as an advocate and solicitor or do any act as an advocate and solicitor unless his name is on the Roll and he has a valid practicing [*sic*] certificate authorizing him to do the act; a person who is not so qualified is in this Act referred to as an “unauthorized person”.

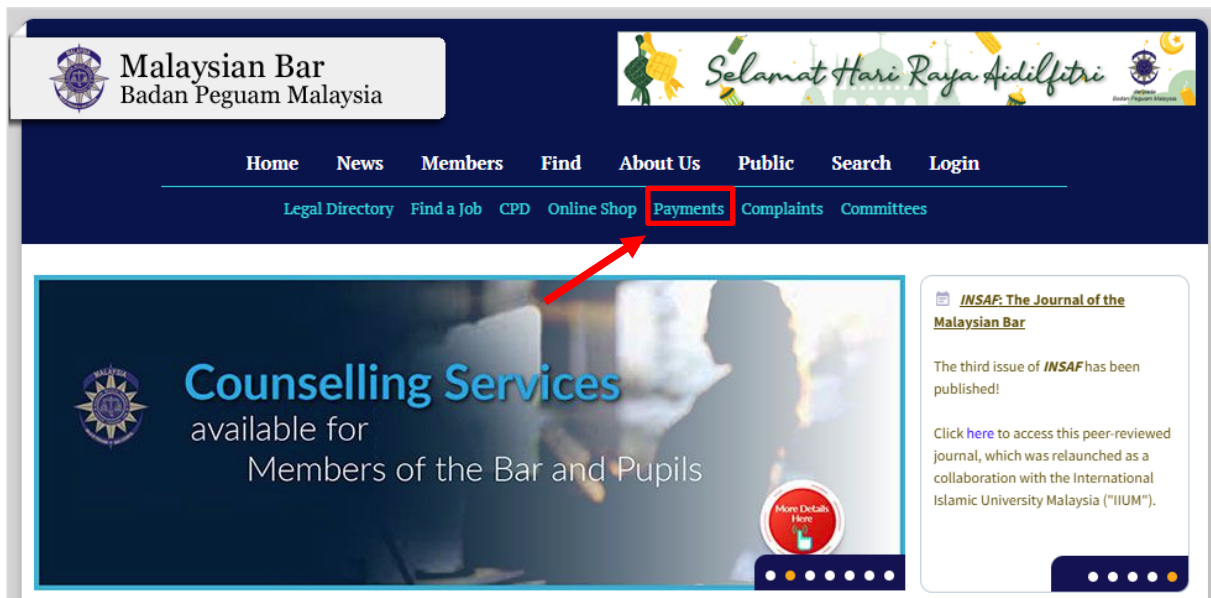
Please click [here](#) to view the following documents:

- (1) Appendix 1, containing a payment guide (see pages 4 to 14); and
- (2) Appendix 2, containing a set of Frequently Asked Questions (see pages 15 to 19).

**All payments** must be made via the online payment gateway feature on the Malaysian Bar website ([www.malaysianbar.org.my](http://www.malaysianbar.org.my)).

With this feature, a Member or a law firm can make the payments via FPX online banking, and view and download payment records. To begin:

- (1) Go to the Malaysian Bar website at [www.malaysianbar.org.my](http://www.malaysianbar.org.my);
- (2) Click the “Payments” button on the top menu of the website;



- (3) Select the applicable category (ie “Member” or “Firm”);
- (4) Click “Submit”; and
- (5) Log in.

Please refer to Appendix 1 (see pages 4 to 14) for a guide on using the online payment gateway feature to make your payments.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the login process, please contact the Membership Department by email at [membership@malaysianbar.org.my](mailto:membership@malaysianbar.org.my) or by telephone at 03-2050 2191.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the payments required under the LPA or the use of the online payment gateway feature, please contact the Finance Department by email at [finance@malaysianbar.org.my](mailto:finance@malaysianbar.org.my) or by telephone at 03-2050 2128.

Thank you.

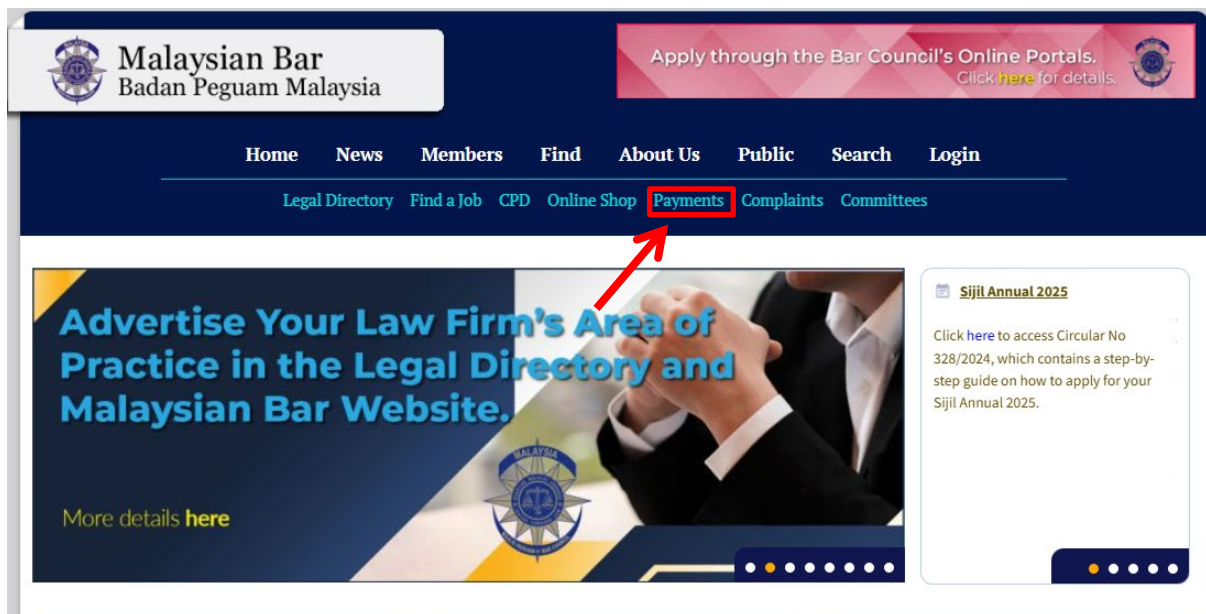
**Rajen Devaraj**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Malaysian Bar**

## Guide for 2025 Malaysian Bar Payments Required under the Legal Profession Act 1976

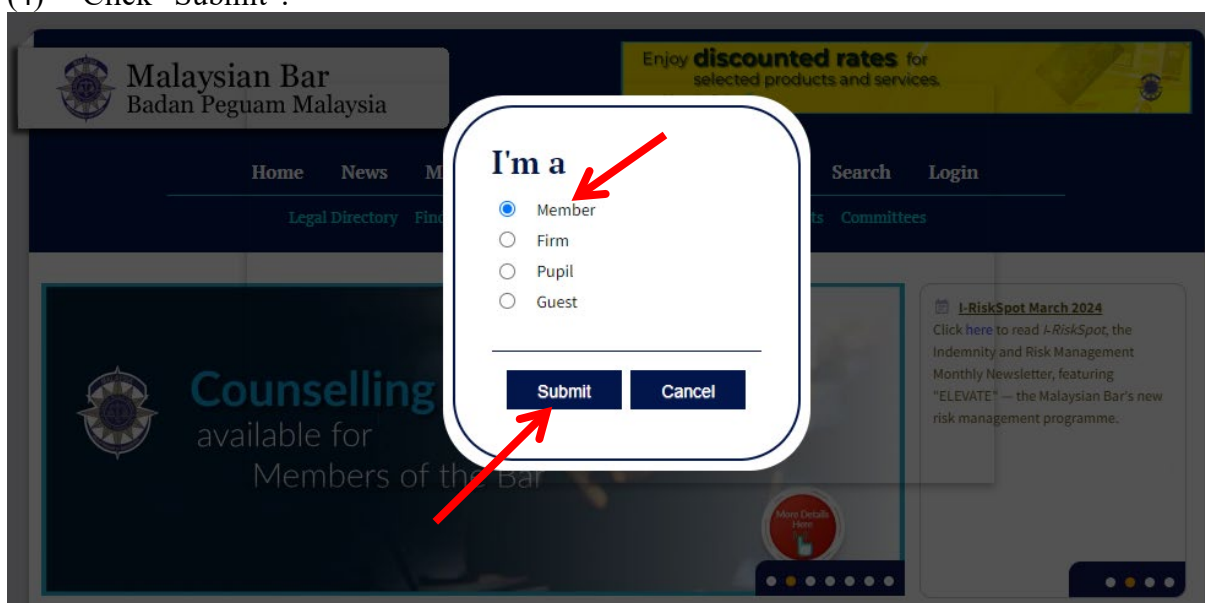
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### (A) How to Access the Online Payment Gateway Feature

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- (2) Click the “Payments” button on the top menu of the website.



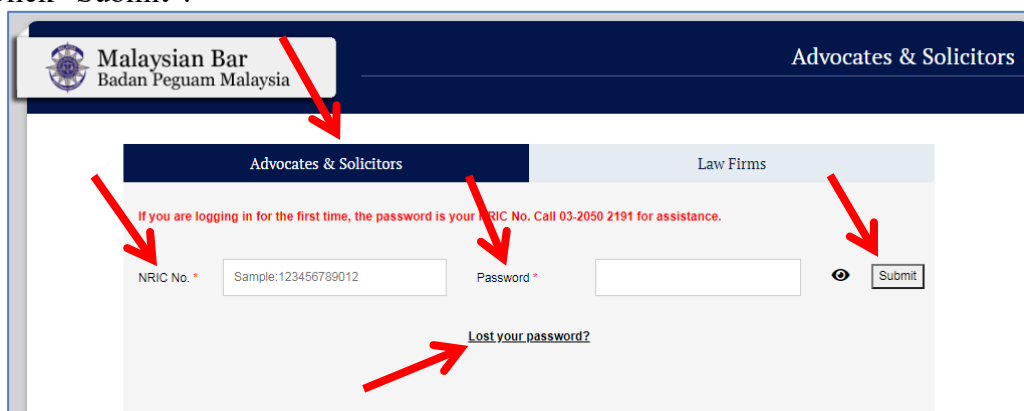
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- (4) Click “Submit”.



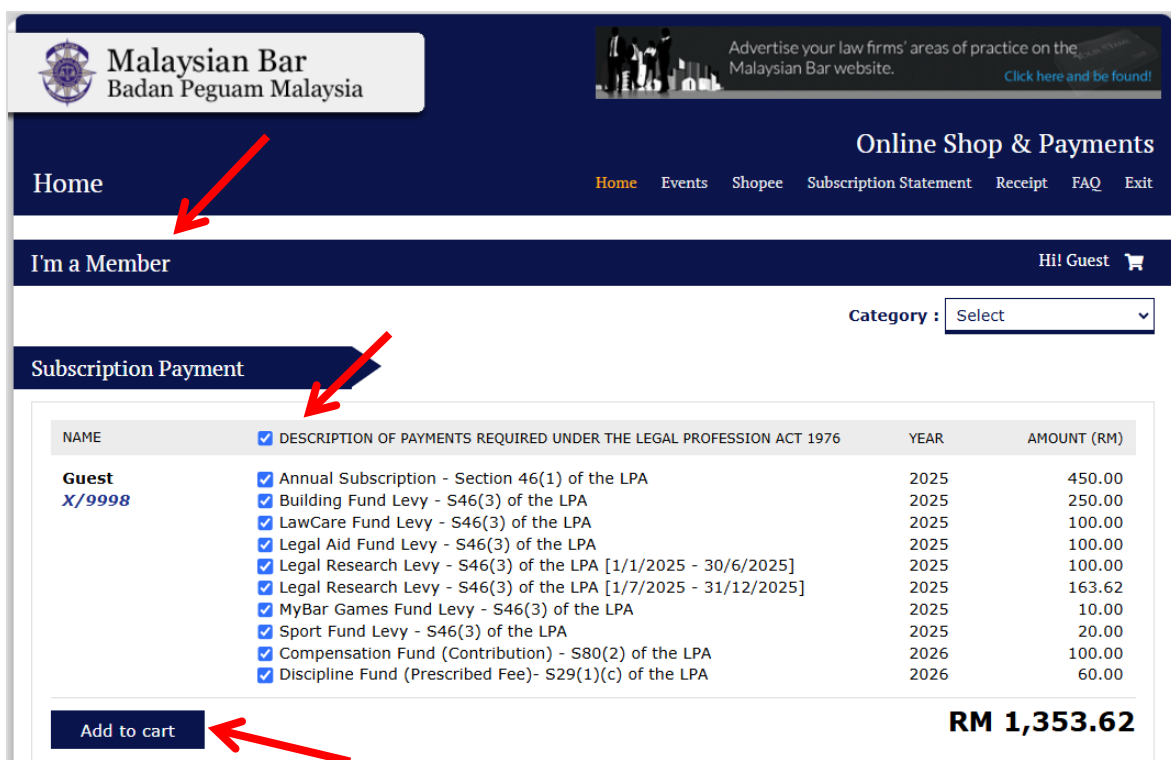
- (5) Please refer to:
  - (a) Section (B) on pages 5 to 9 in this Appendix if you are logging in as a Member; and
  - (b) Section (C) on pages 10 to 14 in this Appendix if you are logging in as a law firm.



**(B) How to Log in and Make Payments as a Member**

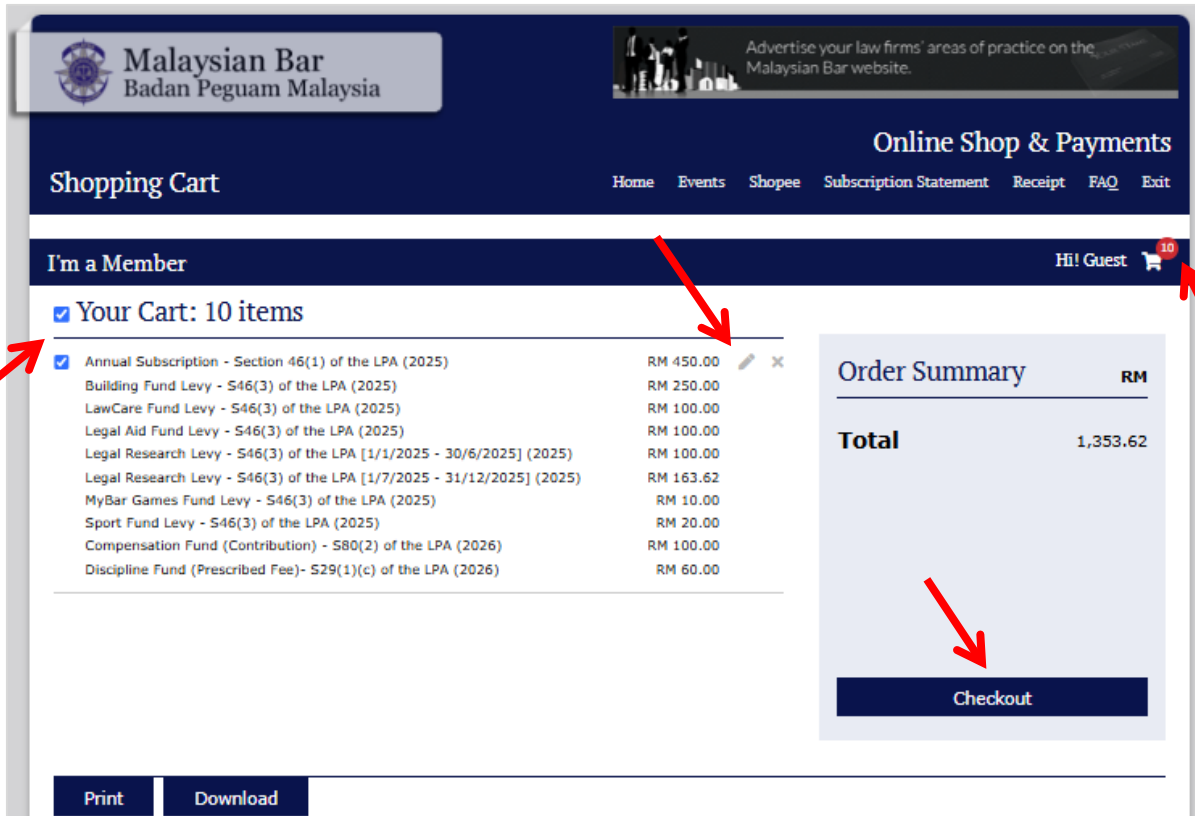
- (1) At the “Advocates & Solicitors” section, key in your National Registration Identity Card number (“NRIC No”), where indicated. This is your permanent username when you log in as a Member.
- (2) Key in your password, as follows:
  - (a) If you are a first-time user, key in your NRIC No as your first-time temporary password (which you will have to change) and follow the instructions on the screen;
  - (b) If you had already changed the temporary password to a new password (eg when you submitted your SAPC 2025 online application), please use that password; or
  - (c) If you have lost your password or the information you have does not work, please click on “Lost Your Password?” and follow the instructions on the screen in order to set a new password.
- (3) Click “Submit”.



- (4) Select (tick) the items that you want to make payment for.
- (5) Click “Add to cart”.



- (6) Click the shopping cart icon .
- (7) Select (tick) the items that you want to make payment for.
- (8) If you wish to amend the items in the shopping cart, click on the pencil icon  to return to the preceding page. Amend the items, and click “Update Cart”.
- (9) Click “Checkout” when you have finalised the items in your shopping cart.




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I'm a Member Hi! Guest 

**Your Cart: 10 items**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Subscription - Section 46(1) of the LPA (2025)	RM 450.00	 
Building Fund Levy - S46(3) of the LPA (2025)	RM 250.00	
LawCare Fund Levy - S46(3) of the LPA (2025)	RM 100.00	
Legal Aid Fund Levy - S46(3) of the LPA (2025)	RM 100.00	
Legal Research Levy - S46(3) of the LPA [1/1/2025 - 30/6/2025] (2025)	RM 100.00	
Legal Research Levy - S46(3) of the LPA [1/7/2025 - 31/12/2025] (2025)	RM 163.62	
MyBar Games Fund Levy - S46(3) of the LPA (2025)	RM 10.00	
Sport Fund Levy - S46(3) of the LPA (2025)	RM 20.00	
Compensation Fund (Contribution) - S80(2) of the LPA (2026)	RM 100.00	
Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee)- S29(1)(c) of the LPA (2026)	RM 60.00	

**Order Summary** RM

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**Total** 1,353.62

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- (10) Key in the contact person's name and telephone number.
- (11) Tick the boxes next to the words "I accept the Terms of Use" and "I agree to the treatment of my personal information".
- (12) Click "Proceed For Payment".

The screenshot shows the checkout page of the Malaysian Bar website. The page is titled "Checkout" and includes a navigation menu with links for Home, Events, Shopee, Subscription Statement, Receipt, FAQ, and Exit. The user is logged in as "Hi! Guest 1".

**Billing Information**

**Name (Provide firm name for job vacancy advertisements)\***  
GUEST 1

**Email\***  
ABC@GMAIL.COM

**Contact Person\***      **Contact Person Tel No\***

I accept the Terms of Use\*  
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**Order Summary**

	RM
Annual Subscription - Section 46(1) of the LPA (2025)	450.00
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,353.62</b>
Delivery Fee	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,353.62</b>

**Proceed For Payment**

Red arrows in the image point to the "Contact Person\*" and "Contact Person Tel No\*" fields, the two checkboxes under "Billing Information", and the "Proceed For Payment" button.

- (13) Select your bank account type (either an “Individual Account” **or** a “Company Account”) and the name of your bank.
- (14) Click “PAY”.

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**Order No**  
25042409290008

**Total Amount (RM)**  
1353.62

**Description**  
PURCHASE FOR 25042409290008

**Please select one of your bank account type**

**Individual Account (B2C)**  
SELECT BANK

**Company Account (B2B)**  
SELECT BANK

**Email to receive transaction status**  
X11YZ@XYZ.COM

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**PAY**

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- (15) Click “Yes”.

**Proceed to make payment?**

Please confirm that you are proceeding to make payment.

**Yes** **No**

- (16) You will be redirected to the online banking website page for the selected bank.
- (17) Log in, and make payment using your bank’s online banking facility.



- (18) After payment has been made, you will be redirected to the Order Receipt page where the transaction status and summary of payment are displayed, and can be printed or downloaded.
- (19) The official receipt will be emailed to you.

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**Payment Successful & Thank You!** ←

**Billing Information**

GUEST 1  
X11YZ@XYZ.COM  
CONTACT PERSON:TEST MEMBER  
CONTACT PERSON NO.:0312345678

**Order Summary**

Date	Transaction No	FPX Transaction ID	Status	RM
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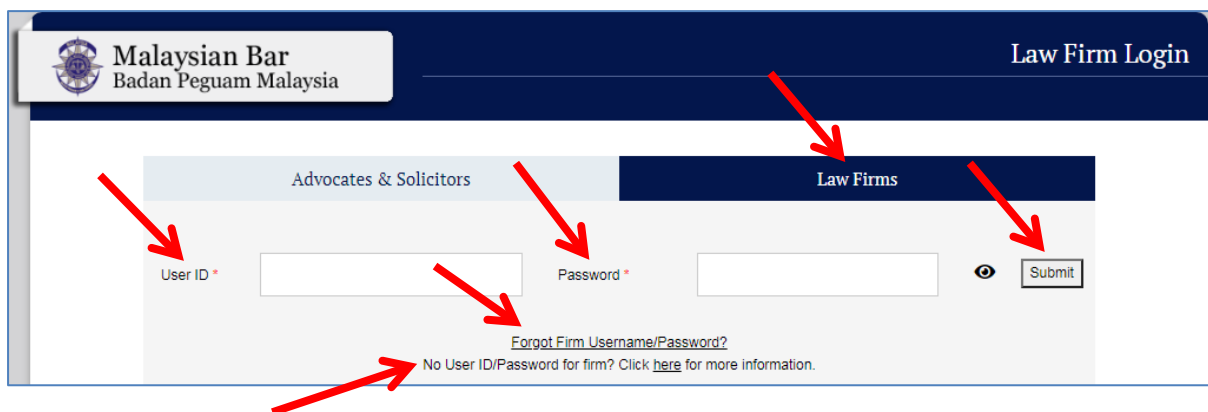
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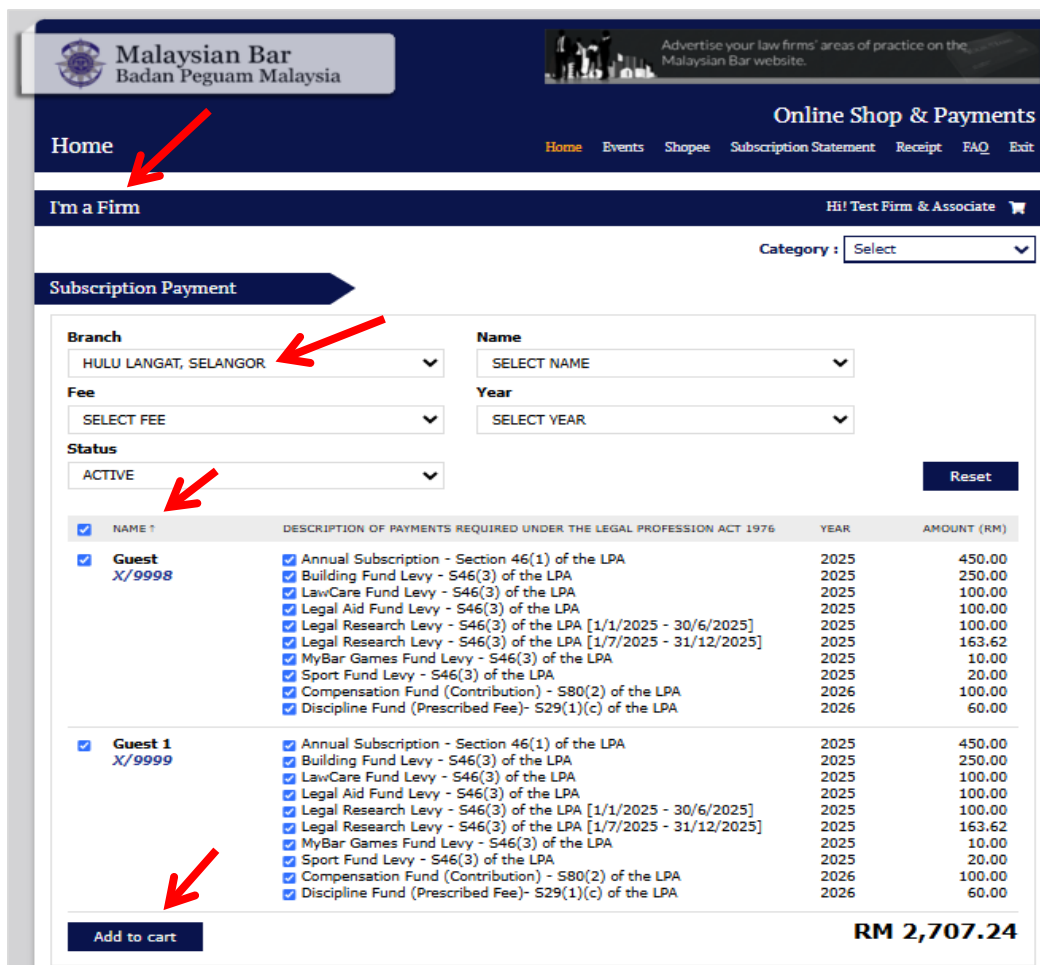
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**(C) How to Log in and Make Payments as a Firm**

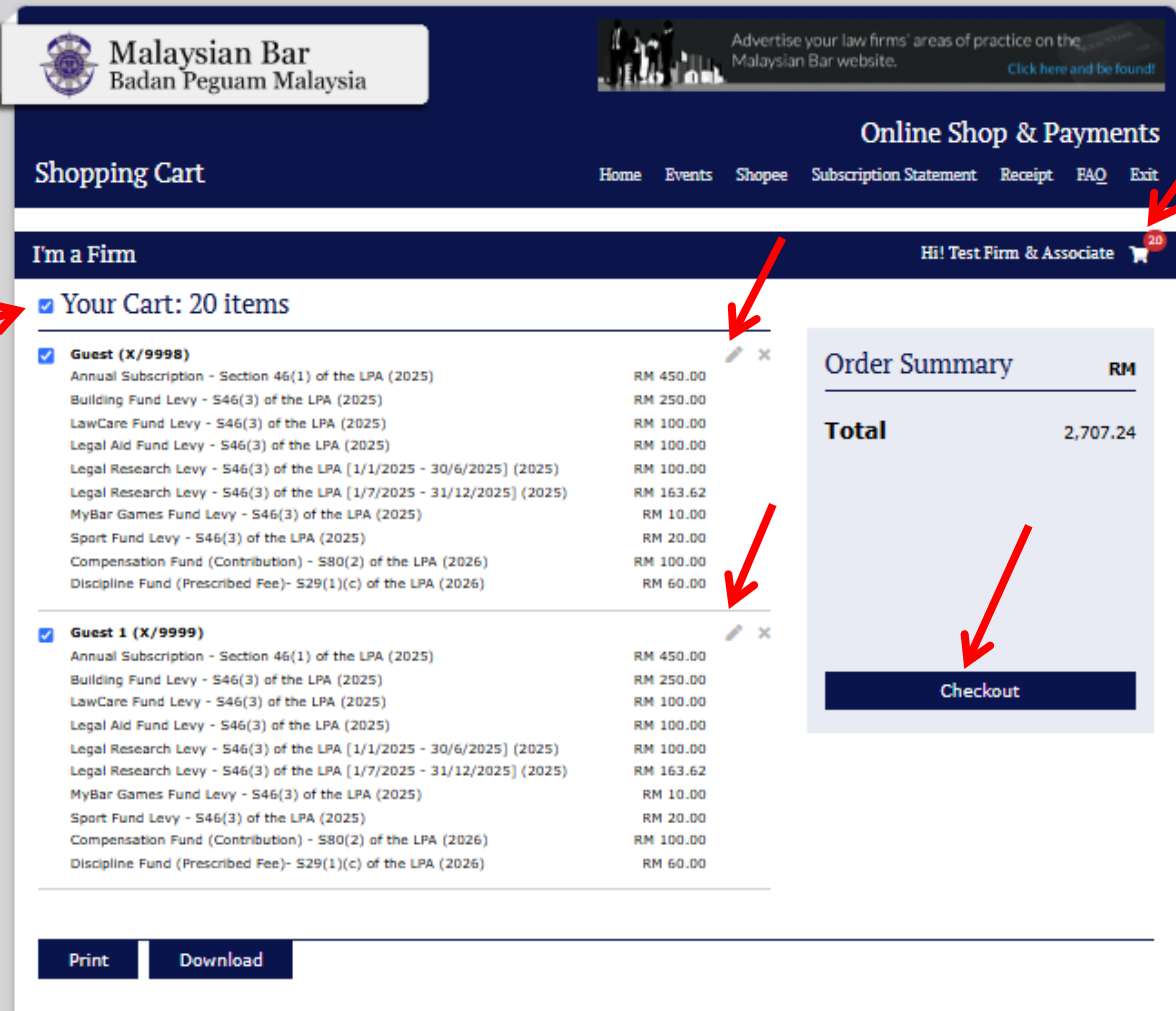
- (1) At the “Law Firms” section, key in the law firm’s username and password, and click “Submit”.
  - (a) If your firm has not registered for a website username and password, please click “here” in the line that states as follows: No User ID/Password for firm? Click [here](#) for more information.”
  - (b) If you have lost the law firm’s username and/or password, or the information you have does not work, please click “Forgot Firm Username/Password?”



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**Your Cart: 20 items**

Item	Price	Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Guest (X/9998)</b>		 
Annual Subscription - Section 46(1) of the LPA (2025)	RM 450.00	
Building Fund Levy - S46(3) of the LPA (2025)	RM 250.00	
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Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee)- S29(1)(c) of the LPA (2026)	RM 60.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Guest 1 (X/9999)</b>		 
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Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee)- S29(1)(c) of the LPA (2026)	RM 60.00	

**Order Summary** RM


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**Total** 2,707.24

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- (8) Key in the contact person's name and telephone number.
- (9) Tick the boxes next to the words "I accept the Terms of Use" and "I agree to the treatment of my personal information".
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### Billing Information

**Branch\***

**Name (Provide firm name for job vacancy advertisements)\***

**Email\***

**Contact Person\***

**Contact Person Tel No\***

I accept the [Terms of Use\\*](#)

I agree to the [treatment of my personal information\\*](#)

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Delivery Fee	0.00
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- (11) Select your bank account type (either an “Individual Account” **or** a “Company Account”) and the name of your bank.
- (12) Click “PAY”.

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**FPX**

**Order No**  
25042416400046

**Total Amount (RM)**  
2707.24

**Description**  
PURCHASE FOR 25042416400046

**Please select one of your bank account type**

**Individual Account (B2C)**  
SELECT BANK

**Company Account (B2B)**  
SELECT BANK

**Email to receive transaction status**  
@HOTMAIL.COM

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- (13) Click “Yes”.

**Proceed to make payment?**

Please confirm that you are proceeding to make payment.

Yes No

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## Payment Successful & Thank You!



**Billing Information**

TEST FIRM & ASSOCIATE  
@HOTMAIL.COM  
CONTACT PERSON: TEST MEMBER  
CONTACT PERSON NO.: 0312345678

**Order Summary**

Date	Transaction No	FPX Transaction ID	Status	RM
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

**Order - Guest (X/9998)**

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**Order - Guest 1 (X/9999)**

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**Frequently Asked Questions**  
**2025 Malaysian Bar Payments Required under the Legal Profession Act 1976**

The issuance of a Sijil Annual and Practising Certificate (“SAPC”) is subject to full payment of all required amounts. Practising Certificates are generally valid from 1 January (or the date of issue) to 31 December of each respective year.

**(1) What are the payments that I am required to make?**

No	Payments Required under the LPA	Amount (RM)
(1)	Annual Subscription: Section 46(1) of the LPA	450
(2)	Building Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	250
(3)	LawCare Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(4)	Legal Aid Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(5)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 Jan 2025 – 30 June 2025)	100
(6)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 July 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)	163.62
(7)	MyBar Games Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	10
(8)	Sports Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	20
(9)	Compensation Fund (Contribution): Section 80(2) of the LPA	100
(10)	Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee): Section 29(1)(c) of the LPA	60
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,353.62</b>

**(2) When will the Building Fund Levy be reduced?**

It was decided at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Malaysian Bar on 15 Mar 2025 that the Building Fund Levy will be reduced from RM250 to RM100 from 1 Jan 2026. This decision will apply to the 2026 Malaysian Bar Payments Required under the Legal Profession Act 1976.

**(3) Why are there two payments for the Legal Research (Levy)?**

Members of the Malaysian Bar have been enjoying access to legal research products from CLJ Legal Network Sdn Bhd, The Digital Library Sdn Bhd, and Thomson Reuters Asia Sdn Bhd since July 2022, pursuant to a Resolution adopted at the 76<sup>th</sup> AGM on 19 Mar 2022.

In this regard, Members have been paying a Legal Research (Levy) of RM202 per year, and the amount is pro-rated to RM100 for the 1 Jan 2025 to 30 June 2025 period. The current Service Agreements with these providers will expire on 30 June 2025.

In continuing the provision of this access to Members, the motion regarding the Provision of Legal Research Products from CLJ Legal Network Sdn Bhd, The Digital Library Sdn Bhd, and Thomson Reuters Asia Sdn Bhd was adopted at the 79<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Malaysian Bar on 15 Mar 2025.

The new Resolution covers the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028, where Members are required to pay a Legal Research (Levy) of RM327.24 per year. This amount will be pro-rated to RM163.62 for the period of 1 July 2025 to 31 Dec 2025.

In summary, the total Legal Research (Levy) for 2025 is RM100 (for the period of 1 Jan 2025 to 30 June 2025) and RM163.62 (for the period of 1 July 2025 to 31 Dec 2025).

**(4) When do I have to make the payments?**

We draw your attention to sections 44, 46(5) and 46(6) of the LPA, which read as follows (emphases added):

Section 44 All members who are not in arrears with their subscription under section 46 shall be eligible—  
 (a) to attend and vote at any general meeting;  
 (b) subject to section 46A, to be elected to the Bar Council; and  
 (c) to vote on the election of members to the Bar Council.

Section 46(5) Liability to pay any annual subscription to the Malaysian Bar shall arise when the subscription has been fixed by the Bar Council. All annual subscriptions to the Malaysian Bar shall be paid by the **30th day of June of each year.**

Section 46(6) An advocate and solicitor shall, if he pays his annual subscription after the date mentioned in subsection (5), pay to the Bar Council, in addition to the subscription due, **an amount equivalent** to the subscription so due.

In accordance with section 46(5) of the LPA, the only payment that is due by **30 June 2025 (Monday)** is the annual subscription amounting to RM450. Payment of the balance, amounting to RM903.62, is only required when you apply for your SAPC 2026.

**(5) Can I pay the annual subscription of RM450 by 30 June 2025, and then pay the balance of RM903.62 when I apply for my SAPC 2026?**

Yes.

**(6) Can the penalty incurred due to late payment be waived?**

No.

**(7) What are my choices for the mode of payment?**

**All payments** must be made via the online payment gateway feature on the Malaysian Bar website ([www.malaysianbar.org.my](http://www.malaysianbar.org.my)).

Please refer to the payment guide contained in Appendix 1.

**(8) If an advocate and solicitor resumes practice at any part of a year, what are the payments required to be made?**

(a) An advocate and solicitor who resumes practice at any time from 1 Jan to 30 June 2025 (inclusive) is required to pay the sum of **RM1,353.62**, being payment for:

No	Payments Required under the LPA	Amount
(1)	Annual Subscription: Section 46(1) of the LPA	450
(2)	Building Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	250
(3)	LawCare Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(4)	Legal Aid Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(5)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 Jan 2025 – 30 June 2025)	100
(6)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 July 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)	163.62
(7)	MyBar Games Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	10
(8)	Sports Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	20
(9)	Compensation Fund (Contribution): Section 80(2) of the LPA	100
(10)	Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee): Section 29(1)(c) of the LPA	60
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,353.62</b>



- (b) An advocate and solicitor who resumes practice at any time from 1 July to 31 Dec 2025 (inclusive) is required to pay the sum of **RM1,203.62**, being payment for:

No	Payments Required under the LPA	Amount
(1)	Annual Subscription: Section 46(1) of the LPA	450
(2)	Building Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	250
(3)	LawCare Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(4)	Legal Aid Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(5)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 July 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)	163.62
(6)	MyBar Games Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	10
(7)	Sports Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	20
(8)	Compensation Fund (Contribution): Section 80(2) of the LPA	50
(9)	Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee): Section 29(1)(c) of the LPA	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,203.62</b>

- (9) What are the payments required to be made by newly-admitted advocates and solicitors, who begin practice at different parts of the year?

- (a) An advocate and solicitor who is admitted and begins practice at any time from 1 Jan to 30 June 2025 (inclusive) is required to pay the sum of **RM1,353.62**, being payment for:

No	Payments Required under the LPA	Amount
(1)	Annual Subscription: Section 46(1) of the LPA	450
(2)	Building Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	250
(3)	LawCare Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(4)	Legal Aid Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(5)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 Jan 2025 – 30 June 2025)	100
(6)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 July 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)	163.62
(7)	MyBar Games Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	10
(8)	Sports Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	20
(9)	Compensation Fund (Contribution): Section 80(2) of the LPA	100
(10)	Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee): Section 29(1)(c) of the LPA	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,353.62</b>

- (b) An advocate and solicitor who is admitted and begins practice at any time from 1 July to 30 Sept 2025 (inclusive) is required to pay the sum of **RM978.62**, being payment for:

No	Payments Required under the LPA	Amount (RM)
(1)	Annual Subscription: Section 46(1) of the LPA	225
(2)	Building Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	250
(3)	LawCare Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(4)	Legal Aid Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(5)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 July 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)	163.62
(6)	MyBar Games Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	10
(7)	Sports Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	20
(8)	Compensation Fund (Contribution): Section 80(2) of the LPA	50
(9)	Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee): Section 29(1)(c) of the LPA	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>978.62</b>

- (c) An advocate and solicitor who is admitted and begins practice at any time from 1 Oct to 31 Dec 2025 (inclusive) is required to pay the sum of **RM753.62**, being payment for:

No	Payments Required under the LPA	Amount (RM)
(1)	Building Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	250
(2)	LawCare Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(3)	Legal Aid Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(4)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 July 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)	163.62
(5)	MyBar Games Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	10
(6)	Sports Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	20
(7)	Compensation Fund (Contribution): Section 80(2) of the LPA	50
(8)	Discipline Fund (Prescribed Fee): Section 29(1)(c) of the LPA	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>753.62</b>

**(10) What are the consequences of failure to remit the required payments?**

No SAPC will be issued to an advocate and solicitor in the event of failure to remit the required payments.

We draw your attention to section 36(1) of the LPA, which reads as follows:

Subject to this section, no person shall practise as an advocate and solicitor or do any act as an advocate and solicitor unless his name is on the Roll and he has a valid practicing [*sic*] certificate authorizing him to do the act; a person who is not so qualified is in this Act referred to as an “unauthorized person”.

**(11) If I resume practice and only require a Practising Certificate for a certain period in the year, can a discount or refund be obtained?**

An advocate and solicitor who resumes practice at any time from 1 Jan to 30 June 2025 (inclusive) must pay the full amount totalling RM1,353.62, as there is no provision for a discount or a refund. An advocate and solicitor who resumes practice at any time from 1 July to 31 Dec 2025 (inclusive) is required to pay RM50 (instead of RM100) towards the Compensation Fund and RM163.62 for the Legal Research Levy. All other required amounts must be paid in full. Please refer to item (8) above for more details.

**(12) I was issued with Sijil Annual 2025, and I then ceased practice in 2025. What payments am I required to make for the year 2025?**

As long as you practised as an advocate and solicitor (even for one day) during the year 2025, you are required to pay the 2025 annual subscription and levies. The annual subscription of RM450 is due by 30 June 2025.

- (a) An advocate and solicitor who ceases practice at any time from 1 Jan to 30 June 2025 (inclusive) is required to pay the sum of **RM1,030**, being payment for:

No	Payments Required under the LPA	Amount (RM)
(1)	Annual Subscription: Section 46(1) of the LPA	450
(2)	Building Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	250
(3)	LawCare Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(4)	Legal Aid Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(5)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 Jan 2025 – 30 June 2025)	100
(6)	MyBar Games Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	10
(7)	Sports Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,030</b>

- (b) An advocate and solicitor who ceases practice at any time from 1 July to 31 Dec 2025 (inclusive) is required to pay the sum of **RM1,193.62**, being payment for:

No	Payments Required under the LPA	Amount (RM)
(1)	Annual Subscription: Section 46(1) of the LPA	450
(2)	Building Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	250
(3)	LawCare Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(4)	Legal Aid Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	100
(5)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 Jan 2025 – 30 June 2025)	100
(6)	Legal Research (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA (1 July 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)	163.62
(7)	MyBar Games Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	10
(8)	Sports Fund (Levy): Section 46(3) of the LPA	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,193.62</b>

- (13) **I was issued with Sijil Annual 2025, but I ceased practice on 15 Dec 2024. Am I entitled to a refund of the Compensation Fund and Discipline Fund payments for 2025, or can these be transferred to the following year when I resume practice?**

Once Sijil Annual 2025 has been issued, there will be no refund of the Compensation Fund and Discipline Fund payments for 2025, and the amounts cannot be transferred to the following year.

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