
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 1635

LAND REGISTRATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2010

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| <i>Made</i> | - - - - | <i>19th June 2010</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | | <i>22nd June 2010</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i> | - - | <i>1st October 2010</i> |

The Lord Chancellor makes the following order in exercise of the power conferred on him by section 100(3) of the Land Registration Act 2002⁽¹⁾.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 1 October 2010.

Applications to which this Order applies

2.—(1) This Order applies to any application to the registrar except an application delivered to the registrar—

- (a) in accordance with a written arrangement as to delivery made between the registrar and the applicant or between the registrar and the applicant's conveyancer, or
- (b) under the provisions of any relevant notice given under Schedule 2 to the Land Registration Rules 2003⁽²⁾.

(2) In this article "conveyancer" means—

- (a) a solicitor,
- (b) a licensed conveyancer within the meaning of section 11(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1985⁽³⁾,
- (c) a fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives,
- (d) a barrister,
- (e) a duly certificated notary public, or

(1) 2002 c.9.

(2) S.I. 2003/1417, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(3) 1985 c.61.

- (f) a registered European lawyer within the meaning of the European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) Regulations 2000⁽⁴⁾ who by virtue of regulations 6 and 12 of those Regulations is entitled to prepare for remuneration an instrument creating or transferring an interest in land in England and Wales.

Designation of the proper office

3.—(1) The proper office for the receipt of an application to which this Order applies is any office of the land registry specified in column 1 of the Schedule which is opposite an administrative area shown in column 2 of the Schedule in which the land to which that application relates is wholly or partly situated.

(2) In the Schedule, reference to an office of the land registry does not include any sub-office of that office.

Revocation

- 4.** The Land Registration (Proper Office) (No. 2) Order 2009⁽⁵⁾ is revoked.

Signed by the authority of the Lord Chancellor

19th June 2010

Lord McNally
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 2000/1119, relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2004/1628, 2008/81.

⁽⁵⁾ S.I. 2009/2727.

SCHEDULE

Article 3

| Column 1 | Column 2 |
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| Proper office of the land registry | Administrative Area |
| Land Registry, Birkenhead Office | Cheshire East Cheshire West and Chester Halton Hammersmith and Fulham Havering Kensington and Chelsea Knowsley District Liverpool District Redbridge Sefton District St Helens District Staffordshire City of Stoke-on-Trent Warrington Wirral District |
| Land Registry, Coventry Office | Birmingham District City of Brighton & Hove Coventry District Dudley District East Sussex Sandwell District Solihull District Walsall District City of Wolverhampton District |

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| Column 1 | Column 2 |
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| Proper office of the land registry | Administrative Area |
| Land Registry, Croydon Office | Worcestershire Bexley Bromley Camden Croydon Kingston Upon Thames Merton Sutton City of Westminster |
| Land Registry, Durham Office | Cumbria Darlington County Durham Gateshead District Hartlepool Middlesborough Newcastle Upon Tyne District North Tyneside District North Yorkshire Northumberland Redcar and Cleveland South Tyneside District Stockton-on-Tees Sunderland District Surrey West Sussex |

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| | York |
| Land Registry, Fylde Office | Blackburn with Darwen Blackpool Bolton District Bury District Lancashire Manchester District Oldham District Rochdale District Salford District Stockport District Tameside District Trafford District Wigan District |
| Land Registry, Gloucester Office | Bracknell Forest City of Bristol Gloucestershire Oxfordshire Reading Slough South Gloucestershire Warwickshire West Berkshire Windsor and Maidenhead Wokingham |
| Land Registry, Kingston Upon Hull Office | East Riding of Yorkshire City of Kingston upon Hull |

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| | <p>Lincolnshire</p> <p>Norfolk</p> <p>North East Lincolnshire</p> <p>North Lincolnshire</p> <p>Suffolk</p> |
| <p>Land Registry, Leicester Office</p> | <p>Buckinghamshire</p> <p>Hertfordshire</p> <p>Leicester</p> <p>Leicestershire</p> <p>Milton Keynes</p> <p>Northamptonshire</p> <p>Rutland</p> |
| <p>Land Registry, Nottingham Office</p> | <p>Barnsley District</p> <p>Bradford District</p> <p>Calderdale District</p> <p>City of Derby</p> <p>Derbyshire</p> <p>Doncaster District</p> <p>Kent</p> <p>Kirklees District</p> <p>Leeds District</p> <p>Medway</p> <p>City of Nottingham</p> <p>Nottinghamshire</p> <p>Rotherham District</p> <p>Sheffield District</p> |

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| | Wakefield District |
| Land Registry, Peterborough Office | Bedford Cambridgeshire Central Bedfordshire Essex Luton City of Peterborough Southend-on-Sea Thurrock |
| Land Registry, Plymouth Office | Bath & North East Somerset Cornwall Devon Isles of Scilly North Somerset City of Plymouth Sedgemoor Taunton Deane Torbay West Somerset |
| Land Registry, Telford Office | Barking and Dagenham Greenwich County of Herefordshire Lambeth Lewisham Newham Richmond upon Thames Shropshire |

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| | <p>Southwark</p> <p>Wandsworth</p> <p>County of The Wrekin (otherwise known as The Wrekin)</p> |
| <p>Land Registry, Wales Office</p> <p>Cofrestrfa Tir Swyddfa Cymru</p> | <p>All counties and county boroughs in Wales</p> <p>Barnet</p> <p>Brent</p> <p>Ealing</p> <p>Enfield</p> <p>Hackney</p> <p>Haringey</p> <p>Harrow</p> <p>Hillingdon</p> <p>Hounslow</p> <p>The Inner Temple and the Middle Temple</p> <p>Islington</p> <p>City and County of The City of London</p> <p>Tower Hamlets</p> <p>Waltham Forest</p> |
| <p>Land Registry, Weymouth Office</p> | <p>Bournemouth</p> <p>Dorset</p> <p>Hampshire</p> <p>Isle of Wight</p> <p>Mendip</p> <p>Poole</p> <p>Portsmouth</p> <p>South Somerset</p> |

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| | Southampton |
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which comes into force on 1 October 2010, designates particular offices of the land registry as the proper office for the receipt of specified descriptions of application under the Land Registration Act 2002. It replaces the Land Registration (Proper Office) (No. 2) Order 2009.

As a consequence of this Order, on 1 October 2010, the Land Registry's Portsmouth, Stevenage and Tunbridge Wells Offices will cease to be proper offices and the administrative areas previously dealt with by them will be administered by offices that remain proper offices, as shown in the following table—

| <i>Administrative area</i> | <i>Former proper office</i> | <i>New proper office</i> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Barking & Dagenham | Stevenage | Telford |
| Brighton & Hove | Portsmouth | Coventry |
| City of London | Stevenage | Wales |
| East Hampshire | Portsmouth | Weymouth |
| East Sussex | Portsmouth | Coventry |
| Hackney | Stevenage | Wales |
| Havant | Portsmouth | Weymouth |
| Havering | Stevenage | Birkenhead |
| Hertfordshire | Stevenage | Leicester |
| Inner and Middle Temple | Stevenage | Wales |
| Isle of Wight | Portsmouth | Weymouth |
| Islington | Stevenage | Wales |
| Kent | Tunbridge Wells | Nottingham |
| Medway | Tunbridge Wells | Nottingham |
| Newham | Stevenage | Telford |
| Portsmouth | Portsmouth | Weymouth |
| Redbridge | Stevenage | Birkenhead |

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| <i>Administrative area</i> | <i>Former proper office</i> | <i>New proper office</i> |
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| Tower Hamlets | Stevenage | Wales |
| Waltham Forest | Stevenage | Wales |
| West Sussex | Portsmouth | Durham |

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no significant impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.