



Solicitors Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 47

PART I

RIGHT TO PRACTISE AS SOLICITOR

Qualifications and training

[^{F1}1A Practising certificates: employed solicitors.

A person who has been admitted as a solicitor and whose name is on the roll shall, if he would not otherwise be taken to be acting as a solicitor, be taken for the purposes of this Act to be so acting if he is employed in connection with the provision of any legal services—

- (a) by any person who is qualified to act as a solicitor;
- (b) by any partnership at least one member of which is so qualified; ^{F2} . . .
- (c) by a body recognised ^{F3} . . . under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (incorporated practices).] ^{F4} or
- (d) by any other person who, for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007, is an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity (within the meaning of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1A inserted by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c. 41, SIF 76:1\)](#), s. 85
- F2** Word in s. 1A(b) repealed (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 177, 210, 211, Sch. 16 para. 2(a), [Sch. 23](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, [art. 2\(i\)\(ii\)\(aa\)](#) (with art. 9)
- F3** Word in s. 1A(c) repealed (7.3.2008) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 177, 210, 211, Sch. 16 para. 2(b), [Sch. 23](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2008/222, [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#)
- F4** S. 1A(d) and preceding word inserted (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 177, 211, [Sch. 16 para. 2\(c\)](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with art. 9)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 1A(d) modified (temp.) (prosp.) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 209, 211, [Sch. 22 para. 12](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193)

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- s. 1A(d) modified by [2007 c. 29 Sch. 22 para. 12](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 44D(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 56 s. 207\(1\)](#)