

*These notes refer to the Legal Services Act 2007 (c.29)
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LEGAL SERVICES ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 5: Alternative Business Structures

Background

Section 73: Licensing authorities and relevant licensing authorities

186. This section provides that a licensing authority is either the Board or an approved regulator who is designated as a licensing authority under Part 1 of Schedule 10. Under [section 73\(2\)](#), the Board is a licensing authority in relation to all reserved legal activities, but an approved regulator is only a licensing authority in relation to those reserved legal activities for which it has been designated under Schedule 10. By [section 73\(3\)](#) the Board may delegate its functions as licensing authority and must ensure that it appropriately separates its functions as licensing authority from its other functions.