

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 5

ENHANCED LEGAL AID FEES FOR CERTAIN SOLICITORS

Accreditation of solicitors

2.—(1) The Law Society shall make regulations with respect to the education, training and experience to be undergone by solicitors seeking accreditation for the purposes of this paragraph in relation to a court or tribunal to which this Schedule applies.

(2) A person who is qualified to act as a solicitor may apply to the Law Society for accreditation under this paragraph in relation to a court or tribunal to which this Schedule applies.

(3) An application under sub-paragraph (2)—

(a) shall be made in such manner as may be prescribed;

(b) shall be accompanied by such information as the Law Society may reasonably require for the purpose of determining the application; and

(c) shall be accompanied by such fee (if any) as may be prescribed.

(4) At any time after receiving the application and before determining it the Law Society may require the applicant to provide it with further information.

(5) The Law Society shall grant accreditation under this paragraph in relation to a court or tribunal if it appears to the Law Society, from the information furnished by the applicant and any other information it may have, that the applicant has complied with the requirements applicable to the applicant in relation to that court or tribunal by virtue of regulations under sub-paragraph (1).

(6) Accreditation granted to a person under this paragraph ceases to have effect if, and for so long as, that person is not qualified to act as a solicitor.

(7) The Law Society may by regulations provide that any person who has completed such education, training or experience as may be prescribed, before such date as may be prescribed shall be taken to be accredited under this paragraph in relation to a prescribed court or tribunal.

(8) Every entry in the register kept under Article 10 of the [Solicitors \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1976 \(NI 12\)](#) shall include details of any accreditation granted under this paragraph to the solicitor to whom the entry relates.