

## [Draft] SRA Handbook Glossary (Amendment) Rules 2013

Rules dated [XX2013] made by the Solicitors Regulation Authority Board.

Made under Part I, Part II, section 79 and 80 of, and paragraph 6B of Schedule 1 to, the Solicitors Act 1974 and section 9 and 9A of, and paragraphs 14A, 14B and 32 to 34 of Schedule 2 to, the Administration of Justice Act 1985 and section 83 and Schedule 11 to and paragraph 6 of Schedule 14 to, the Legal Services Act 2007 and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 14 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.

Subject to the approval of the Legal Services Board under paragraph 19 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 and coming into force on [30 September 2013].

### Rule 1

Rule 2 of the SRA Handbook Glossary Rules shall be amended as follows:

- (a) after the definition of "**accounting period**" insert:

**"accreditation**

means either *full accreditation* or *provisional accreditation* under the *SRA QASA Regulations*, and references to "accredited" should be construed accordingly."

- (b) after the definition of "**buyer**" insert:

**"CAEF**

means a criminal advocacy evaluation form completed by a judge to record the competence of a *solicitor* or an *REL* to conduct **criminal advocacy** against the Statement of Standards contained in the **QASA**."

- (c) replace the definition of "**criminal advocacy**" as follows:

"means advocacy in all hearings arising out of a police-led or Serious Fraud Office-led investigation and prosecuted in the criminal courts by the Crown Prosecution Service or the Serious Fraud Office but does not include hearings brought under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002."

- (d) after the definition of "**FSMA**" insert:

**"full accreditation**

means *accreditation* to conduct *criminal advocacy* under the *SRA QASA Regulations*, and references to "fully accredited" should be construed accordingly."

- (e) after the definition of "**property selling**" insert:

**"provisional accreditation**

means accreditation to conduct *criminal advocacy* under the *SRA QASA Regulations* but which requires further steps to be taken to obtain *full*

*accreditation*, and references to "provisionally accredited" should be construed accordingly."

- (f) **after the definition of "pure protection contract" insert:**

**"QASA**

means the Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates (Crime) developed by the Joint Advocacy Group and described in full in the QASA Handbook published from time to time and available at: <http://www.sra.org.uk>."

- (g) after the definition of " **qualifying insurer's agreement**" insert:

**"re-accreditation**

means the process by which a *solicitor* or an *REL* demonstrates their competence and renews their *accreditation* under the *SRA QASA Regulations* at their existing level for a further five years."

- (h) after the definition " **SRA Principles**" insert:

**"SRA QASA Regulations**

means the SRA Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates (Crime) Regulations 2013."

- (i) in the definition of " **you**", delete "and" at the end of (viii) and insert after (ix):

"and

(x) for the purposes of the *SRA QASA Regulations* means a *solicitor* or an *REL*,"

**Rule 2**

These amendment rules come into force on [30 September 2013].