



LEGAL SERVICES BOARD

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Thank you for your request for information about the legal regulators and LSB.

I confirm that the LSB holds some of the information that you have requested, which is set out below under the following headings:

1. LSB and legal regulators
2. Funding
3. Other requests

1. LSB and legal regulators

The LSB is a non-departmental public body that oversees the regulation of legal services in England and Wales. It is independent of both government and the legal profession. We hold to account the nine approved regulators for the different branches of the profession and the Office for Legal Complaints. The following page on our website details the regulators that we oversee and specifies which are representative bodies and which are regulatory bodies: http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can_we_help/approved_regulators/index.htm and table is copied below.

Profession	Approved regulators (representative body)	Independent Regulatory body	Approved regulator (AR) Licensing Authority (LA)	Reserved legal activities regulated
Solicitors	Law Society	Solicitors Regulation Authority	AR LA	☑ The exercise of right of audience

				<input type="checkbox"/> The conduct of litigation <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved instrument activities <input type="checkbox"/> Probate activities <input type="checkbox"/> The administration of oaths
Barristers	Bar Council	Bar Standards Board	AR	<input type="checkbox"/> The exercise of right of audience <input type="checkbox"/> The conduct of litigation <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved instrument activities <input type="checkbox"/> Probate activities <input type="checkbox"/> The administration of oaths
Chartered Legal Executives	Chartered Institute of Legal Executives	CILEx Regulation	AR	<input type="checkbox"/> The exercise of right of audience <input type="checkbox"/> The conduct of litigation <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved instrument activities

				<input type="checkbox"/> Probate activities <input type="checkbox"/> The administration of oaths
Licensed Conveyancers	Council for Licensed Conveyancers (regulatory body for Licensed Conveyancers, no representative body)		AR LA	<input type="checkbox"/> Reserved instrument activities <input type="checkbox"/> Probate activities <input type="checkbox"/> The administration of oaths
Patent Attorneys	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA)			<input type="checkbox"/> The exercise of right of audience
Trade Mark Attorneys	Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA)	Intellectual Property Regulation Board (Regulatory body for both CIPA and CITMA)	AR LA	<input type="checkbox"/> The conduct of litigation <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved instrument activities <input type="checkbox"/> The administration of oaths
Costs Lawyers	Association of Costs Lawyers	Costs Lawyer Standards Board	AR	<input type="checkbox"/> The exercise of right of audience <input type="checkbox"/> The conduct of litigation <input type="checkbox"/> The administration of oaths

Notaries	Master of the Faculties (regulatory body for Notaries, no representative body)	AR	<input type="checkbox"/> Reserved instrument activities <input type="checkbox"/> Probate activities <input type="checkbox"/> Notarial Activities <input type="checkbox"/> The administration of oaths
Chartered Accountants	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales There is no separate regulatory body; all decisions relating to legal activities are delegated to the independently chaired Probate Committee	AR LA	<input type="checkbox"/> Probate

The following are also approved regulators for probate activities only but do not currently authorise anyone to offer this service:

- [Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland \(ICAS\)](#)
- [Association of Chartered Certified Accountants \(ACCA\)](#)

The following representative bodies are not part of the Legal Services Act 2007 designated approved regulators framework and therefore do not fall under our remit:

- [the Notaries Society](#)
- [the Society of Scrivener Notaries](#)
- and
- [the Society of Licensed Conveyancers](#)

2. Funding

A principle underlying the Legal Services Act is that the legal profession should pay for the LSB (and the Office for Legal Complaints (OLC), which is the body that provides the Legal Ombudsman service). Accordingly, the LSB is required to impose a levy on the approved regulators and that levy covers the full cost of running the LSB and OLC. Individual lawyers (e.g. solicitors, barristers, legal executives, patent and trade mark attorneys, costs lawyers and notaries) as well as firms or entities that are regulated by the approved regulators, must pay a practising fee to their [approved regulator](#) for the cost of regulation.

3. Other requests

Your other requests are for advice, and not for information that we hold. The LSB does not have a role to provide advice on interpretation and the LSB is not authorised to provide specific legal advice to members of the public or businesses on interpretations of the Legal Services Act.

If you are dissatisfied with this response to your request for information, you have the right to ask for an internal review / to submit a complaint (see [LSB's Freedom of information – Complaints procedure](#)).

The reference for your request, which should be quoted in all correspondence, is: 20171123/01.