

Direction 205 issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 to the Council for Licensed Conveyancers

1. This is a direction to exempt alterations pursuant to paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the Act).
2. Unless stated otherwise, words in this direction have the meanings given to them in the Act.
3. In accordance with paragraphs 19(3) and (4) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the LSB has directed that the following alterations by the Council for Licensed Conveyancers (“CLC”) be treated as an exempt alteration for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:

CLC’s Glossary of Legal Terms

Background and proposed changes

4. On 27 October 2025, the LSB approved changes to CLC’s regulatory arrangements in relation to its Ongoing Competence Code¹(“Code”). The Application was submitted with supporting materials, such as the FAQ on the Code. The FAQ contained the term “Assessed Activities” pertaining to the Code; but no definition .
5. At the time the LSB approved CLC’s proposed changes, the LSB noted that *‘the FAQ operates as non-mandatory guidance and leaves room for some interpretation to suit individual circumstances as appropriate and proportionate. We queried with the CLC whether it was content that leaving the definition of “assessed activity” in guidance would likely mean that the CLC could not take disciplinary action if a CLC lawyer applied another reasonable interpretation of assessed activity to the CLC’s interpretation’*.
6. The CLC responded to the LSB’s feedback by committing to define the term “Assessed Activity” in its Glossary and to submit an updated version of the Glossary for LSB’s approval.
7. When approving CLC’s application for alterations to its regulatory arrangements relating to its Ongoing Competence Code, the LSB set an expectation for the CLC to add the term of and definition for “Assessed Activities” to its Glossary of Legal Terms² (“Glossary”), before the new ongoing competence regime comes into force in November 2026. The inclusion was agreed by the CLC and, consequently, this request delivers on that expectation.
8. The CLC is proposing to add the following to its Glossary:

“ “Assessed Activities”: assessed activities are those where a CLC lawyer’s understanding of a topic is verified. This might be:

- *a test after training which gives a certificate or score;*
- *written feedback on their work, verified by a suitably qualified peer or colleague.”*

Reason for exemption direction

¹ [Decision Notice - CLC - Ongoing Competence](#)

² <https://www.clc-uk.org/handbook/glossary/>

9. The CLC has explained in its request that the proposed changes are intended to update its Glossary, in line with LSB's expectations set in October 2025. As the meaning of "Assessed Activities" was already considered by the LSB as part of the CLC's application on Ongoing Competence, the Glossary update does not amount to a change of policy by the CLC but rather enables CLC's request to be exempted and its Ongoing Competence code to operate as intended by the CLC.
10. The CLC noted in its request that the proposed addition to its Glossary is fully compatible with the regulatory objectives and with its duty to have regard to the better regulation principles and best regulatory practice.
11. This direction is approved on and effective from 02 July 2026.

For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board

02 July 2026.