

Annex

Proposed amendments to the Solicitors Keeping of the Roll Regulations 2011 and the SRA Suitability Test 2011

Solicitors Keeping of the Roll Regulations 2011

Regulation 8: Application for restoration to the roll

In regulation 8, insert a new regulation 8.3:

"The *SRA* shall not restore a person's name to the roll unless satisfied as to that person's character and suitability to be a *solicitor*."

Add a guidance note (i) to regulation 8:

"(i) The *SRA* will satisfy itself as to a person's character and suitability in a number of ways. These may include, but are not limited to, CRB disclosures and Police National Computer checks, as well as self-disclosure, in accordance with the *SRA Suitability Test*. This will be in addition to taking into account the factors set out in regulations 10 and 11."

SRA Suitability Test 2011

Preamble: Applicability

In the third sub-paragraph, after "SRA Authorisation Rules" add ", and Regulation 4.8 of the SRA Practising Regulations".

Add a further sub-paragraph: "Those seeking restoration to the roll of solicitors under regulation 8 of the Solicitors Keeping of the Roll Regulations 2011".

Overview

In the second paragraph of the Overview section, after "all those seeking admission", insert "or restoration to the roll".

In the fourth paragraph of the Overview section, after "right of admission", insert ", restoration".

Outcomes

In the final paragraph of the Outcomes section, after "period of authorisation", insert ", and for former solicitors seeking restoration to the roll".

Part 1: Basic requirements

In the first paragraph of Part 1 delete "or" and replace with ", and after "admission" insert "or restoration to the roll".