

Direction 18 issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 to the Bar Standards Board

1. This is a direction issued pursuant to paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the “**Act**”).
2. Unless stated otherwise, words defined in the Act have the same meaning when used in this direction.
3. In accordance with paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby directs that the following alterations to regulatory arrangements are exempt alterations for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:
 - a) Alterations by the Bar Standards Board to Rule 807, in light of section 194 of the Act, to allow for pro bono costs to be paid to prescribed charities;
 - b) Alterations to the definition of Legal Advice Centres in Part X of the Code of Conduct to reflect that waivers are now granted by the Solicitors Regulation Authority rather than the Law Society; and
 - c) Alterations to the definition of Legal Advice Centres in Part X of the Code of Conduct which currently refers to the Employed Solicitors Code 1990, which has been repealed and replaced by the Solicitors’ Code of Conduct 2007.

A copy of the alterations was submitted to the Board on 25 May 2011 and we have received confirmation from the Bar Standards Board that the above summary accurately summarises all of the alterations that they have requested.

4. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 25 May 2011.

For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board

25 May 2011