

**Direction 20 issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 to the Solicitors Regulation Authority**

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 the regulatory arrangements are exempt alterations for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:
  - (a) Alterations by the Solicitors Regulation Authority to its Practising Certificate Fee Determination [2011], in particular, where an application for initial recognition is made by a solicitor who is succeeding to the practice of a recognised body or recognised sole practitioner and the predecessor practice has already paid its fee for that year, then an application handling fee of £200 will be charged; and
  - (b) Alterations by the Solicitors Regulation Authority to its Recognised Body Fee Determination [2011], in particular, where an application for initial recognition is made by a body changing its legal status or succeeding to the practice of a recognised body or recognised sole practitioner and the predecessor practice has already paid its fee for that year, then an application handling fee of £200 will be charged.

A copy of the alterations was submitted to the Board on 15 July 2011 and we have received confirmation from the Solicitors Regulation Authority 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 20 July 2011

**For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board**

**20 July 2011**