

Direction 66 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 in this direction are used as they are defined in the Act.
3. In accordance with paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board has directed that the following alterations to regulatory arrangements be treated as exempt alterations for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:
 - a) The following alterations by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) to its training regulations:
 - Removal of requirement for student enrolment.
 - Removal of requirement for SRA to issue a certificate of completion of academic stage of training.
 - Replacement of exemption arrangements for qualification with power to recognise that specified outcomes have been met by equivalent means.
 - Removal of SRA requirements for course providers which duplicate QAA's requirements about recognition of prior learning and seeking certain exemptions.
 - Removal of requirement for training contracts to take place under terms specified by SRA.
 - Removal of reference to 'contentious and non-contentious' law from the training requirements and amendments to wording about experience in three distinct areas of law.
 - Removal of requirement for training principals to have four consecutive practising certificates and of the restriction on the number of trainees a firm may train.
 - Consolidation of two sets of regulations into one – SRA Training Regulations 2014 will replace the SRA Training Regulations 2011 Part 1 – Qualification Regulations and SRA Training Regulations 2011 Part 2 – Training Provider Regulations.
 - b) Bringing into force of the trainee minimum salary proposals, agreed by LSB in December 2012, in the new training regulations.
 - c) Consequential amendments to:
 - Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme (QLTS) Regulations 2011
 - SRA Admission Regulations 2011
 - SRA Suitability Test 2011

- SRA Glossary.
4. A copy of the alteration was submitted to the Board on 23 May 2014.
 5. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 6 June 2014.

For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board

6 June 2014