

Direction 102 issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 to the Master of the Faculties

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 by Master of the Faculties to its regulatory arrangements be treated as exempt alterations for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:

Master of the Faculties: Code of Practice

Proposed alteration

4. The Master of the Faculties proposes to introduce a Code of Practice to give guidance to notaries on best practice, by setting out clear principles and standards which a notary must follow. The Code covers the principles that must be applied by notaries in all services they provide; specific areas of a notary's practice; and guidance for notary-conveyancers and notary-probate practitioners.

Reason for exemption direction

5. While the Code of Practice forms part of the Master of the Faculty's regulatory arrangements by virtue of Rule 5.1 of the Notaries Practice Rules 2014 (which sets out that failure to have regard to any code of practice may amount to 'Notarial Misconduct' as defined in the Master of the Faculty's Conduct and Discipline Rules 2011), there is no change to the regulatory policy or approach through the introduction of the Code.
6. A copy of the alteration was submitted to the Board on 12 September 2016.
7. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 23 September 2016

**For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board
23 September 2016**