

**Direction 106 issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 to the Bar Standards Board (BSB)**

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

*Inns' Conduct Committee Rules (ICC) – Panel Pool*

*Proposed changes*

4. The proposals are to alter the BSB Part III - Membership and Procedures of the Inns' Conduct Committee Rules, the effect of which is the disbandment of the Panel Pool from which ICC membership is drawn. Instead membership will be drawn from the current Council of the Inns of Court (COIC) Disciplinary Tribunal (DT) Panel Pool. As a result of a review which concluded in 2012, a new DT Panel Pool was recruited under enhanced best practice and mandatory training and appraisal arrangements. In contrast, very few members of the ICC Panel Pool were interviewed for the appointment and few members received training and appraisal.
5. Rather than embark on a new recruitment of a new ICC Panel Pool under enhanced arrangements, COIC has requested that the BSB alter its rules so that ICC membership may be drawn from the existing DT Panel Pool, since this already has sufficient capacity and better capability.

*Reason for exemption direction*

6. There are no alterations to ICC processes and procedures, only to the manner in which membership is recruited. The BSB has set out in its significance, impact and risk assessment that the amendments are simply to ensure that the ICC continues to have an appropriately recruited and trained pool of members available, without the need to recruit a specific ICC Panel Pool.
7. A copy of the alteration was submitted to the Board on 25 November 2016.
8. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 12 December 2016

**For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board  
12 December 2016**