

Direction 132 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 Legal Services Board (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:

Miscellaneous amendments to the BSB Handbook to ensure drafting consistency: within the BSB Handbook; with BSB regulatory policy and practice; and with legislation

Proposed amendments

4. There are five main amendments:
 - Core Duty 3 will be amended to make it clear that honesty and integrity are separate concepts. As a consequence Rules C9 and C16 will also be amended for consistency.
 - Rule C73 will be amended to clarify that barristers employed by authorised bodies other than BSB entities are permitted to handle client money in that capacity.
 - Rules C94.7 will be amended to provide clarity that unregistered barristers are not BSB authorised individuals.
 - Rule C131.1 will be amended in order to comply with current data protection law.
 - The BSB Handbook definition of 'lay person' will be amended to ensure it is consistent with current BSB practice and the Act's definition of 'lay person' (Schedule 1 paragraphs 2(4) and (5)).

Reason for exemption direction

5. The alterations do not represent a shift in the BSB's regulatory approach or policy. They simply tidy the BSB's regulatory arrangements by aligning the wording of certain rules with regulatory arrangements elsewhere in the BSB Handbook, with existing policy and practice and with legislation, including the Act.
6. A copy of the alteration was submitted to the Board on 7 December 2018.
7. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 19 December 2018.

**For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board
19 December 2018**