



Solicitors Act 1974

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PART I

RIGHT TO PRACTISE AS SOLICITOR

Qualifications and training

1 Qualifications for practising as solicitor

No person shall be qualified to act as a solicitor unless—

- (a) he has been admitted as a solicitor, and
- (b) his name is on the roll, and
- (c) he has in force a certificate issued by the Society in accordance with the provisions of this Part authorising him to practise as a solicitor (in this Act referred to as a "practising certificate").

2 Training regulations

- (1) The Society, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls, may make regulations (in this Act referred to as "training regulations") about education and training for persons seeking to be admitted or to practise as solicitors.
- (2) It shall be the Society's duty, before submitting training regulations to the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls for their concurrence under subsection (1), to consult the Secretary of State or, if he so directs, any person or body of persons specified in the direction.
- (3) Training regulations—
 - (a) may prescribe—
 - (i) the education and training, whether by service under articles or otherwise, to be undergone by persons seeking admission as solicitors ;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (ii) any education or training to be undergone by persons who have been admitted as solicitors;
 - (iii) the examinations or other tests to be undergone by persons seeking admission as solicitors or who have been admitted ;
 - (iv) the qualifications and reciprocal duties and responsibilities of persons undertaking to give education or training for the purposes of the regulations or undergoing such education or training; and
 - (v) the circumstances in which articles may be discharged or education or training under the regulations may be terminated;
- (b) may require persons who have been admitted as solicitors to hold practising certificates while they are undergoing education or training under the regulations ;
 - (c) may include provision for the charging of fees by the Society and the application of fees which the Society receives;
 - (d) may make different provision for different classes of persons and different circumstances.