



# Legal Services Act 2007

## 2007 CHAPTER 29

### PART 4

#### REGULATION OF APPROVED REGULATORS

##### *Practising fees*

#### **51 Control of practising fees charged by approved regulators**

- (1) In this section “practising fee”, in relation to an approved regulator, means a fee payable by a person under the approved regulator's regulatory arrangements in circumstances where the payment of the fee is a condition which must be satisfied for that person to be authorised by the approved regulator to carry on one or more activities which are reserved legal activities.
- (2) An approved regulator may only apply amounts raised by practising fees for one or more of the permitted purposes.
- (3) The Board must make rules specifying the permitted purposes.
- (4) Those rules must, in particular, provide that the following are permitted purposes—
  - (a) the regulation, accreditation, education and training of relevant authorised persons and those wishing to become such persons, including—
    - (i) the maintaining and raising of their professional standards, and
    - (ii) the giving of practical support, and advice about practice management, in relation to practices carried on by such persons;
  - (b) the payment of a levy imposed on the approved regulator under section 173;
  - (c) the participation by the approved regulator in law reform and the legislative process;
  - (d) the provision by relevant authorised persons, and those wishing to become relevant authorised persons, of reserved legal services, immigration advice or immigration services to the public free of charge;

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- (e) the promotion of the protection by law of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
  - (f) the promotion of relations between the approved regulator and relevant national or international bodies, governments or the legal professions of other jurisdictions.
- (5) A practising fee is payable under the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator only if the Board has approved the level of the fee.
- (6) The Board must make rules containing provision—
- (a) about the form and manner in which applications for approval for the purposes of subsection (5) must be made and the material which must accompany such applications;
  - (b) requiring applicants to have consulted such persons as may be prescribed by the rules in such manner as may be so prescribed before such an application is made;
  - (c) about the procedures and criteria that will be applied by the Board when determining whether to approve the level of a fee for the purposes of subsection (5).
- (7) Rules under subsection (6)(c) must, in particular, contain—
- (a) provision requiring the Board, before it determines an application for approval of the level of a fee, to consult such persons as it considers appropriate about the impact of the proposed fee on persons providing non-commercial legal services;
  - (b) provision about the time limit for the determining of an application.
- (8) In this section “relevant authorised persons”, in relation to an approved regulator, means persons who are authorised by the approved regulator to carry on activities which are reserved legal activities.

#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 51 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 51 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 51(1)(3)(4)(6)-(8) in force at 1.1.2009 by [S.I. 2008/3149](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#); s. 51 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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