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[Standards and Regulations resources](#)

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Our shorter, simpler Standards and Regulations focus on high professional standards and protecting the public. Learn more

[Archive: SRA Handbook](#)

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/handbook/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/handbook/)

The SRA Handbook was replaced by the SRA Standards and Regulations on 25 November 2019.

Action:

[Principles](#) [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/principles/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/principles/)

The fundamental tenets of ethical behaviour that we, the SRA, expect of those that we regulate.

Last updated: 25 November 2019

[Code of Conduct for Solicitors, RELs and RFLs](#)

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/code-conduct-solicitors/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/code-conduct-solicitors/)

The standards that we, the SRA, and the public expect of individuals (solicitors, registered European lawyers and registered foreign lawyers).

Last updated: 1 December 2023

[Code of Conduct for Firms](#)

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/code-conduct-firms/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/code-conduct-firms/)

The standards and business controls that we, the SRA, and the public expect of firms (including sole practices).

Last updated: 6 April 2023

[Accounts Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/accounts-rules/) [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/accounts-rules/>]

The SRA Accounts Rules are our requirements for when firms (including sole practices) authorised by us receive or deal with money belonging to clients.

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[Application, Notice, Review and Appeal Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/application-notice-review-appeal-rules/) [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/application-notice-review-appeal-rules/>]

Our processes for handling applications made to us and the process for internal reviews and external appeals against our decisions.

Last updated: 30 May 2023

[Assessment of Character and Suitability Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/assessment-character-suitability-rules/) [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/assessment-character-suitability-rules/>]

Our criteria for assessing character and suitability.

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[Authorisation of Firms Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-firms-rules/) [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-firms-rules/>]

Our arrangements for authorising firms, including recognised bodies, licensed bodies and recognised sole practices.

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[Authorisation of Individuals Regulations](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-individuals-regulations/) [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-individuals-regulations/>]

Our arrangements for authorising individuals as solicitors, RELs and RFLs.

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[Education, Training and Assessment Provider Regulations](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/education-training-assessment-provider-regulations/) [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/education-training-assessment-provider-regulations/>]

Our requirements for organisations which provide or intend to provide education and training.

Last updated: 29 August 2023

Financial Services (Scope) Rules

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/financial-services-scope-rules/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/financial-services-scope-rules/)

The scope of the regulated financial services activities that may be undertaken by firms we authorise.

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Financial Services (Conduct of Business) Rules

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/financial-services-conduct-business-rules/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/financial-services-conduct-business-rules/)

Our rules for firms we authorise who are permitted to undertake regulated financial services activities.

Last updated: 31 December 2020

Overseas and Cross-border Practice Rules

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/overseas-cross-border-practice-rules/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/overseas-cross-border-practice-rules/)

The standards we, the SRA, expect of regulated individuals and firms when practising overseas.

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Regulatory and Disciplinary Procedure Rules

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/regulatory-disciplinary-procedure-rules/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/regulatory-disciplinary-procedure-rules/)

How we investigate and take disciplinary and regulatory action.

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Statutory Trust Rules [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/statutory-trust-rules/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/statutory-trust-rules/)

Our obligations relating to any money we take possession of after an intervention.

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Roll, Registers and Publication Regulations

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/roll-registers-publication-regulations/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/roll-registers-publication-regulations/)

The nature and contents of the registers and the roll that we are required to keep.

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[Transparency Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/transparency-rules/) [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/transparency-rules/>]

The information which should be made available to clients and potential clients.

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[Indemnity Fund \(Enactment\) Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/indemnity-fund-enactment-rules/)

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/indemnity-fund-enactment-rules/>]

Our rules to enact the indemnity rules.

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[Indemnity Fund Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/indemnity-fund-rules/) [<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/indemnity-fund-rules/>]

Our rules to govern the operation of the Solicitors Indemnity Fund.

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[Compensation Fund Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/compensation-fund-rules/)

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/compensation-fund-rules/>]

Our rules to govern the way that we operate the SRA Compensation Fund.

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[Indemnity Insurance Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/indemnity-insurance-rules/)

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/indemnity-insurance-rules/>]

Our indemnity insurance requirements for firms that we authorise.

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[SQE Assessment Regulations](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/sqe-assessment-regulations/)

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/sqe-assessment-regulations/>]

These Regulations govern the Solicitors Qualifying Examination.

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[SRA Claims Management Fees Rules](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/claims-management-fees-rules/)

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/claims-management-fees-rules/>]

Our rules to protect consumers from excessive charges when they are represented by solicitors in claims relating to financial products and services.

Last updated: 26 July 2024

[The prescribed organisations and terms under which Solicitors, RELs and RFLs are allowed to hold client money in their own name](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/hold-client-money/)

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[The prescribed circumstances in which you can withdraw client money from client account to pay to a charity of your choice](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/withdraw-client-money/) [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/withdraw-client-money/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/withdraw-client-money/)

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[Glossary](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/glossary/) [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/glossary/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/glossary/)

Definitions of the terms we use in our rules.

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