



The Law Society

Legal Services Act 2007 – Key dates

Date	Action	Details
July 2008	Legal Services Board (LSB) appointed	The board starts work on 1 September. The members are David Edmonds (chair), Terence Connor, Stephen Green, Rosemary Martin, Bill Moyes, Michael Napier QC CBE, Barbara Saunders OBE, Nicole Smith, Andrew Whittaker David Wolfe.
Early 2009	Legal disciplinary partnerships (LDPs) possible	The SRA is currently in the process of implementing the rule changes to enable firms to operate as LDPs.
2009/2010	Move to entity-based regulatory framework	In future all solicitor's firms will need to be authorised by the SRA
Early 2010	LSB becomes fully operational	The LSB will be able to approve bodies such as the Law Society/SRA as a licensing authority.
Autumn 2010	Office of Legal Complaints (OLC) empowered	The Legal Complaints Service, and the roles of the Legal Services Complaints Commissioner and the Legal Services Ombudsman will cease to exist.
2012/2013	Alternative business structures (ABS) possible	Before ABSs can exist, the SRA will need to be made a licensing authority and make the necessary rule changes.