

2020 No. 271

LEGAL SERVICES, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2020

Made - - - - at 12:46 p.m. on 12th March 2020

Coming into force - - - - 6th April 2020

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (“the Institute”) has applied to the Legal Services Board (“the Board”) under paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007(a) (“the Act”).

The Board has made a recommendation to the Lord Chancellor under paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 4 to the Act, having complied with the requirements of paragraphs 5, 9 and 11 to 16 of that Schedule and having granted the Institute’s application.

The Lord Chancellor makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 17 of Schedule 4 to the Act.

In accordance with section 206(5) of the Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2020 and comes into force on 6th April 2020.

Designation of approved regulator

2. The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales is designated as an approved regulator in relation to the administration of oaths(b).

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

Chris Philp
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

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(a) 2007 c. 29.

(b) “The administration of oaths” is a reserved legal activity under section 12(1)(f) of the Legal Services Act 2007. Paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 to that Act makes provision about what constitutes such activity.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (“the Institute”) as an approved regulator under Part 4 (regulation of approved regulators) of the Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29) in relation to the administration of oaths. Designation will allow the Institute to authorise and regulate persons in relation to the administration of oaths.

A full impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.