

## Information sharing

### Firm data web service

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We operate a web service offering third parties programmatic access to a range of data we hold about the firms we authorise and regulate.

The data in our web service is in the public domain—available in our [Solicitors Register](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/register/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/register/] and the Law Society's [Find a solicitor](http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk/) [http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk/] website. Making this data more widely available through a web service helps to ensure that everyone has access to information about regulated law firms and also helps consumers to make informed choices.

The data in our web service is updated every 24 hours and covers the following areas:

- SRA number (for the firm and any offices)
- Office name
- Current licence (recognised body, licensed body)
- Office type (head office or branch)
- Business type (law practice)
- Constitution type (LLP, partnership etc)
- Practising address(es)
- Postal address(es)
- Business email address(es)
- Telephone number(s)
- Website addresses(es)
- Are they authorised
- Authorisation date
- Authorisation status date
- Whether they are freelance
- Regulator (SRA or other approved legal service regulator)
- Trading names
- Previous names
- Areas of law they practise
- Reserved activities they can carry out
- Company registration number
- Number of offices

The web service includes a means to access the date and time of dataset production.

The web service does not include any information not mentioned above.



We view our web service as a step toward making our data openly and freely available. We are working hard to open up access to more regulatory information—studying how our data is used and planning the best ways to present it. Visit this page again for progress updates.

[Terms and conditions \[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/how-we-work/privacy-data-information/data-sharing/terms-conditions/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/how-we-work/privacy-data-information/data-sharing/terms-conditions/)

[Register to use our data sharing API \[https://sra-prod-apim.developer.azure-api.net/\]](https://sra-prod-apim.developer.azure-api.net/)

[Web service user support \[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/home/contact-us/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/home/contact-us/)

## Frequently asked questions

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### [How do I get a key?](#)

Once you have created an account you will need an API key. Follow the steps below to get your key.

- Login to the API
- click 'Products'
- click 'Datasharing'
- click 'SRA Data Share API Version V1'
- click 'Subscribe'
- click 'Profile'
- click 'Show' next to the primary or secondary key to see your new key.

### [Is there a data dictionary for the API?](#)

This is a list of values in the API and their meanings, as of 28 November 2024. For descriptions of some of the terms, please see [our Solicitors Register glossary \[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/register/glossary/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/register/glossary/).

## Office type

HO

Head office

Branch

Branch

## Authorisation status

CEASE

Authorised but ceased trading



CONDITION

Authorised with conditions

INTERVENE

Intervened firm (closed down by the SRA)

YES

Authorised

## Authorisation type

LICBODY

Licensed body

NOTSRA-F

Other organisations not regulated by SRA but may have regulated solicitors working there.

RECBODY

Recognised body

RECSOLE

Recognised sole practice

## Constitution

ACCA

Associated of Chartered Certified Accountants

ACP

Accountancy Practice

ADVI

Advice service

ALCD

Association of Law Costs Draftsmen

BSB

Bar Standards Board

CHU

Churches & other religious bodies

CLC

Council for Licensed Conveyancers

CMY

Commerce & Industry

CPD

CPD Course Provider

EDUC

Educational Establishment

EEP

Exempt European Practice

FLP

Foreign Law Practice

FS

Freelance Solicitor

GFS



	Government Funded Service
GLS	Government Legal Services
GVT	Government/Statutory Body
GVTB	Government Body
HS	Health Service
ICLG	Company Limited by Guarantee
ICLS	Company Limited by Shares
ILEX	Institute of Legal Executives
ILLP	Limited Liability Partnership
IPRB	Intellectual Property Regulation Board
IUC	The Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys
LCS	Locum Services
LECS	Legal Consultancy Services
LGB	Local Government Body
LICV	Licensed Conveyances
MCF	Master (Court) of Faculties
MLLP	Multi National Limited Liability Partnership
NCO	Non-commercial Organisation
OSO	Overseas Organisations of unknown Constitution
PART	Partnership
PLC	PLC
RCHA	Registered Charity
REG	Regulatory Body
SOLP	Sole Practice
URO	Unregulated Organisation



## Organisation type

FIRMOTHER

Regulated by another Regulator (see below)

FIRMSRA

SRA Regulated Firm

ORG

Other Organisation not regulated by SRA but may have regulated Solicitors working there.

## Regulators

ACCA

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

BSB

Bar Standards Board

CILEX

Chartered Institute of Legal Executives

CLC

Council for Licensed Conveyancers

CLSB

Cost Lawyers Standards Board

IPRB

Intellectual Regulation Property Board

MF

Master of Faculties

SRA

Solicitors Regulation Authority

## Organisation types

LicensedBodyAuthorised

Licensed Body authorised

LicensedBodyAuthorisedWithConditions

Licensed Body authorised with conditions

LicensedBodyClosureComplete

Former Licensed Body now closed

LicensedBodyClosureInProgress

Licensed Body that has ceased trading but still authorised

LicensedBodyIntervened

Licensed Body that has been intervened (closed down by SRA)

PracticeNotSeparatelyAuthorised

Type of freelance solicitor firm

PracticeNotSeparatelyAuthorisedCompFund

Type of freelance solicitor firm

RecognisedBodyAuthorised

Recognised Body authorised



RecognisedBodyAuthorisedWithConditions

Recognised Body authorised with conditions

RecognisedBodyClosureComplete

Former Recognised Body now closed

RecognisedBodyClosureInProgress

Recognised Body that has ceased trading but still authorised

RecognisedBodyIntervened

Recognised Body that has been intervened (closed down by SRA)

RecognisedSolePracticeAuthorised

Recognised Sole Practice authorised

RecognisedSolePracticeAuthorisedWithConditions

Recognised Sole Practice authorised with conditions

RecognisedSolePracticeClosureComplete

Former Recognised Sole Practice now closed

RecognisedSolePracticeClosureInProgress

Recognised Sole Practice that has ceased trading but still authorised

RecognisedSolePracticeIntervened

Recognised Sole Practice that has been intervened (closed down by SRA)

UnregulatedPracticeNotSraAuthorised

Other organisations not regulated by SRA but may have regulated solicitors working there.

UnregulatedPracticeNotSraAuthorised102a

Other organisations not regulated by SRA but may have regulated solicitors working there and may have additional protections from SRA.

## Work area

Areas of law that the organisation has told us they delivered, in annual reporting to the SRA and returns a list from the below.

Arbitration and alternative dispute resolution

Children

Commercial/corporate work for listed companies

Commercial/corporate work for non-listed companies

Consumer

Criminal

Discrimination/civil liberties/human rights

Employment

Family/matrimonial

Financial advice and services (Regulated by the SRA)

Immigration

Intellectual property

Landlord and tenant (Commercial and Domestic)

Litigation - other

Mental health

Non-litigation (other)

Personal injury  
Planning  
Probate and estate administration  
Property commercial  
Property - residential  
Social welfare  
Wills, trusts and tax planning  
Claims management  
Payment protection insurance  
Youth Court