

# **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 <u>Solicitors Register [https://news.sra.org.uk/consumers/register/]</u> and the Law Society's <u>Find a solicitor [http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk/]</u> 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.

<u>Terms and conditions [https://news.sra.org.uk/sra/how-we-work/privacy-data-information/data-sharing/terms-conditions/]</u>

<u>Register to use our data sharing API [https://sra-prod-apim.developer.azure-api.net]</u>

Web service user support [https://news.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 <u>our Solicitors</u> <u>Register glossary [https://news.sra.org.uk/consumers/register/glossary/]</u>.

# **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 0S0 Oversea 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

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### 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