

Direction 146 issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 to the Bar Standards Board (BSB)

1. This is a direction issued pursuant to paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the Act).
2. Unless stated otherwise, words in this direction are used as they are defined in the Act.
3. In accordance with paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Legal Services Board (the Board) has directed that the following alterations to regulatory arrangements be treated as exempt alterations for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:

Amendments to the Bar Qualification Rules and an amendment to a definition in Part 6 of the BSB Handbook

Proposed amendments

4. There are two amendments:
 - rQ117 of the BSB's previous Part 4 Training Rules will be re-instated with a minor amendment to allow for students to notify their Inn rather than specific Benchers within their Inn. The proposed new rule is set out below:

*Rule Q6A Where it is alleged that the call declaration made by a barrister on call ~~is~~ **was** false in any material respect or that the barrister has engaged before call in conduct which is dishonest or otherwise discreditable to a barrister and which was not, before call, fairly disclosed in writing to the ~~Benchers of the~~ Inn calling them or where any undertaking given by a barrister on call to the Bar is breached in any material respect that shall be treated as an allegation of a breach of this Handbook and will be subject to the provisions of Part 5.*

- The definition of Call Declaration will be adjusted as it will no longer only appear in rule Q25.2. It will also appear in rQ117. The proposed definition is set out below:

'Call Declaration' definition:

means a declaration made to an Inn for the purpose of being called to the Bar.

Reason for exemption direction

5. The alterations do not represent a shift in the BSB's regulatory approach or policy. They simply tidy the BSB's regulatory arrangements by aligning the wording of certain rules with regulatory arrangements elsewhere in the BSB Handbook, and with existing policy and practice.
6. A copy of the alteration was submitted to the Board on 16 October 2019.
7. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 31 October 2019.

**For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board
31 October 2019**