



Legal Aid
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CRM12 Update

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This message is to update all organisations participating in the procurement process for a 2017 Standard Crime Contract on the CRM12 duty solicitor application form.

COLP Declaration

We have been made aware of an omission on the CRM12 form. The Compliance Officer for Legal Practice (COLP) declaration seeks confirmation that duty solicitors hold CLAS accreditation.

As confirmed in the definition of the 2017 Standard Crime Contract Standard Terms, a duty solicitor may be a current member of the Law Society's Criminal Litigation Accreditation Scheme (CLAS) and undertaken the PSQ, or have previously been a member of a Scheme under a Previous Contract.

In line with the above definition, the LAA will therefore accept CRM12s from current scheme members who do not hold CLAS accreditation. This reflects our existing practice.