



Legal Services Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 29

PART 3

RESERVED LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Interpretation

18 Authorised persons

- (1) For the purposes of this Act “authorised person”, in relation to an activity (“the relevant activity”) which is a reserved legal activity, means —
 - (a) a person who is authorised to carry on the relevant activity by a relevant approved regulator in relation to the relevant activity (other than by virtue of a licence under Part 5), or
 - (b) a licensable body which, by virtue of such a licence, is authorised to carry on the relevant activity by a licensing authority in relation to the reserved legal activity.
- (2) A licensable body may not be authorised to carry on the relevant activity as mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- (3) But where a body (“A”) which is authorised as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) becomes a licensable body, the body is deemed by virtue of this subsection to continue to be so authorised from that time until the earliest of the following events—
 - (a) the end of the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which that time falls;
 - (b) the time from which the relevant approved regulator determines this subsection is to cease to apply to A;
 - (c) the time when A ceases to be a licensable body.
- (4) Subsection (2) is subject to Part 2 of Schedule 5 (by virtue of which licensable bodies may be deemed to be authorised as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) in relation to certain activities during a transitional period).

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- (5) A person other than a licensable body may not be authorised to carry on the relevant activity as mentioned in subsection (1)(b).
- (6) But where a body (“L”) which is authorised as mentioned in subsection (1)(b) ceases to be a licensable body, the body is deemed by virtue of this subsection to continue to be so authorised from that time until the earliest of the following events—
- (a) the end of the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which that time falls;
 - (b) the time from which the relevant licensing authority determines this subsection is to cease to apply to L;
 - (c) the time when L becomes a licensable body.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 18 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 18(1)(a) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 3\(1\)](#) and with [art. 9](#))
- I2** S. 18(1)(b)(5)(6) in force at 6.10.2011 by [S.I. 2011/2196](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- I3** S. 18(2)-(4) in force at 1.10.2011 by [S.I. 2011/2196](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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