

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED CONTRACT SPECIFICATION To be implemented from 1 October 2007

The contract amendments set out in this notice, which have been subject to consultation with The Law Society and other Consultative Bodies, will be incorporated into the Unified Contract from 00.01 am on 1 October 2007 under clauses 13 and 24 of the Unified Contract Standard Terms.

Amendments

- 1 The following Specifications in force from 1 April 2007 will be deleted at midnight on 30 September 2007 except for those matters and cases in the Mental Health Category of Law and matters and cases commenced before 1 October 2007 (as set out in Transitional Provisions in the new Unified Contract Civil Specification);
 - a. the Civil Specification (Solicitor) with Payment Annex to the Solicitor Specification;
 - b. the Civil Specification (NfP)
- 2 For the sake of clarity, the following Annexes to the Unified Contract for Signature are part of the Specification in force from 1 April 2007 and will be deleted at the same time, except for those matters and cases in the Mental Health Category of Law and matters and cases commenced before 1 October 2007 (as set out in Transitional Provisions in the new Unified Contract Civil Specification);
 - a. Annex B
 - b. Annex C
 - c. Annex D
 - d. Annex E
- 3 The new Unified Contract Civil Specification (Parts A and B) which is set out on our website at www.legalservices.gov.uk following the link CLS>The Unified Contract shall replace the 1 April 2007 Specification and become part of the Unified Contract and shall apply to all matters and cases started on or after 00.01 am on 1 October 2007 except for matters and cases in the Mental Health Category of Law and matters and cases commenced before 1 October 2007 (as set out in Transitional Provisions in the new Unified Contract Civil Specification).
- 4 In relation to all matters and cases in the Mental Health Category of Law the Civil Specification (Solicitor) or the Civil Specification (NfP), in force on 1 April 2007, as appropriate, continues to apply until further notice.
- 5 In relation to matters and cases in the Mental Health Category of Law and matters and cases in all other Categories of Law started before 1 October 2007, Rule 1.15 of the Civil Specification (Solicitor) with Payment Annex to the Solicitor Specification is deleted so that there are no payments for file reviews undertaken after 30 September 2007.

Amendments to the Unified Contract

- 6** For the sake of clarity, introducing the new Specification incorporating the Part B Payment Annex means that the Tailored Fixed Fee rates in your Office Schedules no longer apply to matters and cases commenced after 30 September 2007 except in the Mental Health Category of Law.
- 7** Notice is hereby given pursuant to clause 24. 1. (c) that from 1 October 2007 we may send notices or other information required or authorised by the Unified Contract to you by e mail.

13th August 2007