

2007 No. 3517

LAND REGISTRATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2007

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| <i>Made</i> | - - - - | <i>13th December 2007</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | | <i>14th December 2007</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i> | - - | <i>1st April 2008</i> |

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the power conferred on him by section 100(3) of the Land Registration Act 2002(a), hereby makes the following Order—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2007 and shall come into force on 1 April 2008.

Applications to which this Order applies

2.—(1) This Order applies to any application to the registrar except an application delivered to the registrar—

- (a) in accordance with a written arrangement as to delivery made between the registrar and the applicant or between the registrar and the applicant's conveyancer, or
- (b) under the provisions of any relevant notice given under Schedule 2 to the Land Registration Rules 2003(b).

(2) In this article "conveyancer" means—

- (a) a solicitor,
- (b) a licensed conveyancer within the meaning of section 11(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1985(c),
- (c) a fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives, or
- (d) a duly certificated notary public.

Designation of the proper office

3.—(1) The proper office for the receipt of an application to which this Order applies is any office of the land registry specified in column 1 of the Schedule which is opposite an administrative area shown in column 2 of the Schedule in which the land to which that application relates is wholly or partly situated.

(a) 2002 c.9.
(b) S.I. 2003/1417; no relevant amending instruments.
(c) 1985 c.51.

(2) In the Schedule, a reference to a named office of the land registry does not include a reference to any sub-office of that office.

Revocation

4. The Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2003(a) and the Land Registration (Proper Office) (Amendment) Order 2005(b) are revoked.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

13th December 2007

Michael Wills
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

(a) S.I. 2003/2040.
(b) S.I. 2005/1765.

SCHEDULE

Article 3

| Column 1 Proper office of the land registry | Column 2 Administrative Area |
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| Land Registry, Birkenhead (Old Market) Office | Knowsley District Liverpool District Sefton District St Helens District Staffordshire City of Stoke-on-Trent Wirral District |
| Land Registry, Birkenhead (Rosebrae) Office | Cheshire Halton Hammersmith and Fulham Kensington and Chelsea Warrington |
| Land Registry, Coventry Office | Birmingham District Coventry District Dudley District Sandwell District Solihull District Walsall District City of Wolverhampton District Worcestershire |
| Land Registry, Croydon Office | Bexley Bromley Camden Croydon Kingston upon Thames Merton Sutton City of Westminster |
| Land Registry, Durham Office | Cumbria Darlington Durham Gateshead District Hartlepool Middlesbrough Newcastle upon Tyne District North Tyneside District North Yorkshire Northumberland Redcar and Cleveland South Tyneside District Stockton-on-Tees Sunderland District Surrey York |
| Land Registry, Gloucester Office | Bracknell Forest |

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| | <p>City of Bristol Gloucestershire Oxfordshire Reading Slough South Gloucestershire Warwickshire West Berkshire Windsor and Maidenhead Wokingham</p> |
| Land Registry, Kingston Upon Hull Office | <p>East Riding of Yorkshire City of Kingston upon Hull Lincolnshire Norfolk North East Lincolnshire North Lincolnshire Suffolk</p> |
| Land Registry, Lancashire Office | <p>Blackburn with Darwen Blackpool Lancashire</p> |
| Land Registry, Leicester Office | <p>Buckinghamshire Leicester Leicestershire Milton Keynes Northamptonshire Rutland</p> |
| Land Registry, Lytham Office | <p>Bolton District Bury District Manchester District Oldham District Rochdale District Salford District Stockport District Tameside District Trafford District Wigan District</p> |
| Land Registry, Nottingham (East) Office | <p>Barnsley District Doncaster District City of Nottingham Nottinghamshire Rotherham District Sheffield District</p> |
| Land Registry, Nottingham (West) Office | <p>Bradford District Calderdale District City of Derby Derbyshire Kirklees District Leeds District Wakefield District</p> |
| Land Registry, Peterborough Office | <p>Bedfordshire</p> |

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| | <p>Cambridgeshire Essex Luton City of Peterborough Southend-on-Sea Thurrock</p> |
| Land Registry, Plymouth Office | <p>Bath & North East Somerset Cornwall Devon Isles of Scilly North Somerset City of Plymouth Sedgemoor Taunton Deane Torbay West Somerset</p> |
| Land Registry, Portsmouth Office | <p>City of Brighton & Hove East Hampshire East Sussex Havant Isle of Wight Portsmouth West Sussex</p> |
| Land Registry, Stevenage Office | <p>Barking and Dagenham Hackney Havering Hertfordshire The Inner Temple and the Middle Temple Islington City and County of The City of London Newham Redbridge Tower Hamlets Waltham Forest</p> |
| <p>Land Registry, Swansea Office Cofrestrfa Tir Swyddfa Abertawe</p> | <p>Barnet Brent Ealing Enfield Haringey Harrow Hillingdon Hounslow</p> |
| Land Registry, Telford Office | <p>Greenwich County of Herefordshire Lambeth Lewisham Richmond upon Thames Shropshire Southwark Wandsworth County of The Wrekin (otherwise known as The Wrekin)</p> |
| Land Registry, Tunbridge Wells Office | <p>Kent</p> |

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| | Medway |
| Land Registry, Wales Office Cofrestrfa Tir Swyddfa Cymru | All counties and county boroughs in Wales |
| Land Registry, Weymouth Office | Basingstoke and Deane Bournemouth Dorset Eastleigh Fareham Gosport Hart Mendip New Forest Poole Rushmoor South Somerset Southampton Swindon Test Valley Wiltshire Winchester |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which comes into force on 1 April 2008, designates particular offices of the land registry as the proper office for the receipt of specified descriptions of application under the Land Registration Act 2002. It replaces the Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2003 and the Land Registration (Proper Office) (Amendment) Order 2005.

As a consequence of this Order, on and after 1 April 2008, the Land Registry's Durham (Boldon), Harrow and York Offices will cease to be proper offices and there will be one Durham proper office, administered initially from the Southfield House and Boldon House buildings. The following table shows the effect of the changes—

| Administrative area | Former proper office | New proper office |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Brent | Harrow | Swansea |
| Camden | Harrow | Croydon |
| City of Westminster | Harrow | Croydon |
| East Riding of Yorkshire | York | Kingston Upon Hull |
| Harrow | Harrow | Swansea |
| Islington | Harrow | Stevenage |
| North Yorkshire | York | Durham |
| City and County of The City of London | Harrow | Stevenage |
| The Inner Temple and the Middle Temple | Harrow | Stevenage |
| York | York | Durham |
| Those administrative areas previously dealt with by the Durham (Boldon) or Durham (Southfield) proper offices | Durham (Boldon) or Durham (Southfield) | Durham |

No impact assessment has been prepared on the basis that there will be no change in the costs incurred by business as a result of having to deliver certain applications to one land registry office rather than to another.

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