



Apply for temporary emergency authorisation for sole practitioner

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About this application

This application is for a solicitor or registered European lawyer (REL) who needs emergency authorisation following the death or incapacity of a sole practitioner in an existing recognised sole practice.

The solicitor or REL must be:

- the sole practitioner's executor
- a practice manager appointed by the sole practitioner's personal representatives; or
- an employee of the existing recognised sole practice.

Eligibility

For eligibility, please see Rule 15.1 of the [Authorisation on Firms Rules](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-firms-rules/#rule-15) [<https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-firms-rules/#rule-15>]

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How to apply

You need to notify us of the death or incapacity, within seven days of it occurring and submit the application within 28 days.

If you are not sure whether you are eligible to apply for emergency authorisation, contact us before you submit your application.

[Apply for Temporary Emergency Authorisation of a Sole Practice](#)

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There is no fee for this application.

We will let you know if your application is incomplete or ineligible.

We aim to decide within 7 working days.