STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 1393

LAND REGISTRATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2009

Made - - - -	*9th June 2009*
Laid before Parliament	*11th June 2009*
Coming into force - -	*1 October 2009*

The Lord Chancellor makes the following order in exercise of the power conferred on him by section 100(3) of the Land Registration Act 2002(**a**).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 1 October 2009.

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,

(d) a barrister,

(e) a duly certificated notary public, or

(f) a registered European lawyer within the meaning of the European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) Regulations 2000(**d**) who by virtue of regulations 6 and 12 of those Regulations is entitled to prepare for remuneration an instrument creating or transferring an interest in land in England and Wales.

(**a**) 2002 c.9.
(**b**) S.I. 2003/1417, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.
(**c**) 1985 c.61.
(**d**) S.I. 2000/1119, relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2004/1628, 2008/81.

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.

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

Revocation

4. The Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2008(**a**) is revoked.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

Michael Wills
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

9th June 2009

(**a**) S.I. 2008/3201.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Column 1 **Proper office of the land registry**	**Column 2** **Administrative Area**
Land Registry, Birkenhead Office	Cheshire East Cheshire West and Chester Halton Hammersmith and Fulham Kensington and Chelsea Knowsley District Liverpool District Sefton District St Helens District Staffordshire City of Stoke-on-Trent Warrington Wirral District
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 County 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, Fylde Office	Blackburn with Darwen Blackpool Bolton District Bury District Lancashire Manchester District Oldham District Rochdale District Salford District Stockport District Tameside District Trafford District Wigan District
Land Registry, Gloucester Office	Bracknell Forest City of Bristol Gloucestershire Oxfordshire Reading Slough South Gloucestershire Warwickshire West Berkshire Windsor and Maidenhead Wokingham
Land Registry, Kingston Upon Hull Office	East Riding of Yorkshire City of Kingston upon Hull Lincolnshire Norfolk North East Lincolnshire North Lincolnshire Suffolk
Land Registry, Leicester Office	Buckinghamshire Leicester Leicestershire Milton Keynes Northamptonshire Rutland
Land Registry, Nottingham Office	Barnsley District Bradford District Calderdale District City of Derby Derbyshire Doncaster District Kirklees District Leeds District City of Nottingham Nottinghamshire Rotherham District Sheffield District Wakefield District

Land Registry, Peterborough Office	Bedford Cambridgeshire Central Bedfordshire Essex Luton City of Peterborough Southend-on-Sea Thurrock
Land Registry, Plymouth Office	Bath & North East Somerset Cornwall Devon Isles of Scilly North Somerset City of Plymouth Sedgemoor Taunton Deane Torbay West Somerset
Land Registry, Portsmouth Office	City of Brighton & Hove East Hampshire East Sussex Havant Isle of Wight Portsmouth West Sussex
Land Registry, Stevenage Office	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
Land Registry, Swansea Office Cofrestrfa Tir Swyddfa Abertawe	Barnet Brent Ealing Enfield Haringey Harrow Hillingdon Hounslow

Land Registry, Telford Office	Greenwich County of Herefordshire Lambeth Lewisham Richmond upon Thames Shropshire Southwark Wandsworth County of The Wrekin (otherwise known as The Wrekin)
Land Registry, Tunbridge Wells Office	Kent 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 October 2009, 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 2008.

As a consequence of this Order, on 1 October 2009, the Land Registry's Birkenhead (Old Market) and Birkenhead (Rosebrae) Offices will be replaced by one proper office: Land Registry, Birkenhead Office. This will be the proper office for the administrative areas previously dealt with by those replaced Offices. The Birkenhead Office will be administered from the current site of the Birkenhead (Rosebrae) Office.

Also as a consequence of this Order, on 1 October 2009, the Land Registry's Nottingham (East) and Nottingham (West) Offices will be replaced by one proper office: Land Registry, Nottingham Office. This will be the proper office for the administrative areas previously dealt with by those replaced Offices. The Nottingham Office will initially be administered from the current sites of the Nottingham (East) and Nottingham (West) Offices.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no significant impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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