

**2008 No. 3201**

**LAND REGISTRATION, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2008**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>15th December 2008</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>16th December 2008</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st April 2009</i>

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 2008 and shall come into force on 1 April 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.

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(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, amended by S.I. 2004/1628; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

### **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 2007(a) and the Land Registration (Proper Office) (Amendment) Order 2008(b) are revoked.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

15th December 2008

*Michael Wills*  
Minister of State  
Ministry of Justice

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(a) S.I. 2007/3517.  
(b) S.I. 2008/1921.

## SCHEDULE

Article 3

<b>Column 1</b> <b>Proper office of the land registry</b>	<b>Column 2</b> <b>Administrative Area</b>
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 East Cheshire West and Chester 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 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 (East) Office	Barnsley District Doncaster District City of Nottingham Nottinghamshire Rotherham District Sheffield District
Land Registry, Nottingham (West) Office	Bradford District Calderdale District City of Derby Derbyshire Kirklees District Leeds 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 April 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 2007 and the Land Registration (Proper Office) (Amendment) Order 2008.

As a consequence of this Order, on and after 1 April 2009, the Land Registry's Lancashire and Lytham Offices will be replaced by one proper office: Land Registry, Fylde Office. This will be the proper office for the administrative areas previously dealt with by the Lancashire and Lytham Offices. The Fylde Office will initially be administered from the current sites of the Lancashire and Lytham Offices.

The Order also reflects changes made under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28). The changes come into force on 1 April 2009. They include the abolition of the counties of Cheshire and Bedfordshire as local government areas and their replacement, in the case of the county of Cheshire, by Cheshire East and by Cheshire West and Chester and, in the case of the county of Bedfordshire, by Bedford and by Central Bedfordshire. The proper offices for these areas remain unchanged.

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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