LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND

FIRM ADMINISTRATION

Documentation for Firm Administration functionality on https://www.lawsociety.ie/

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The role of a Firm Administrator

The Law Society of Ireland website provides a facility for a firm's principal, partner or nominated staff member(s) to access the Firm Administration section of the Law Society website in order to perform specific functions on behalf of their firm. Principal/Partners automatically have access to the Firm Administration section for the firm they are resident in. For Industry/State, the solicitor identified as Managing Partner or solicitor-in-charge is deemed to be the Firm Administrator.

The principal/managing partner in the firm must send a request in writing to nominate other solicitors as Firm Admin, and non-solicitors must have a Law Society website login account (register here) and the principal/managing partner in the firm must send a request in writing to nominate them.

This guide will explain how to nominate/change a Firm Admin and take you through the functions available on the Firm Administration section

Firm Administration

To access the Firm Administration section of the website, you need to be a partner, principal or approved Firm Administrator. While all solicitors can access the main Firm Administration page after logging in, the sections within are restricted to Firm Administrator access only.

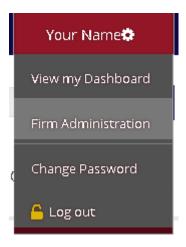
Firstly you will need to log in to the website via the following link: https://www.lawsociety.ie/login

Once logged in, you will see your name on the header of the website and a cog beside it.



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Click on your name and then click on Firm Administration.



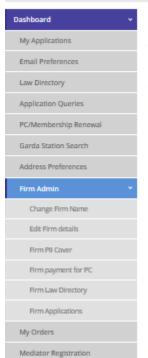
On this page you can find out:

- how to be a Firm Administrator, and
- how to nominate an administrator for your firm.

You can also find information about what a Firm Administrator can change/access, such as:

- view a list of solicitors for their firms.
- see if a PC application has been submitted by each solicitor linked to the firm.
- generate a schedule of fees.

- (for 2021 renewal) generate and print a pre-filled EFT form to accompany a PC form receipt for selected solicitors.
- request updates to the solicitor listing if it is not up-to-date.
- You can also notify the Law Society of a change of employer in this section. A screenshot can be seen below.



For Firm Administrators

This secure section of the site can only be accessed by a staff member in your firm or organisation, who has been appointed as firm administrator and approved by the Law Society.

Apply to be a firm administrator

For access to this area or to nominate an administrator for your firm, see below:

- Principal/Partners automatically have access to Firm Admin section for the firm they are resident in. For help, email webmasteri®lawsociety.le
- > Other Solicitors the principal/managing partner in the firm must send a request in writing to po⊠lawsociety ie
- Non-solicitors must have a login account (register here) and the principal/managing partner in the firm must send a
 request in writing to pc@lawsociety.le
- Industry/State the solicitor identified as Managing Partner or solicitor-in-charge is deemed to be the Firm Administrator. To make a change, contact pc@lawsociety.le

If you need help logging in, please contact webmaster@lawsociety.ie

Firm administrator for branch or additional firm

- Where a firm has branches, the Firm Administrator for the Principal Office can access details for the branches if relevant.
 However, If different, a Firm Administrator for a branch cannot access the Principal Office details or other branches.
- > It is not currently possible for the same Firm Administrator to be appointed to more than one firm or organisation.

For queries on any of the above, please contact pc@lawsociety.le.

Law Directory for firm or organisation

Launched in December 2020, representatives of a firm, or other organisation employing solicitors, who have been approved as a Firm Administrator, can now review their details for their Law Directory entry. This includes reviewing practitioners linked to the firm or organisation, and branch details if relevant. You can also make or request changes:

> Firm Law Directory

If you cannot access this page and should have access as outlined above, please contact populawsociety.ie for assistance.

Firm payment for Practising Certificate (PC) applications

Administrators can now:

- > view a list of solicitors for their firms
- > see if a PC application has been submitted by each solicitor linked to the firm
- generate a schedule of fees
- > (for 2021 renewal) generate and print a pre-filled EFT form to accompany a PC form receipt for selected solicitors
- request updates to the solicitor listing if it is not up-to-date.

Access Firm payment for PCs

Becoming a Firm Administrator

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- Other Solicitors the principal/managing partner in the firm must send a request in writing to pc@lawsociety.ie.
- Non-solicitors must <u>register a login account</u> and the principal/managing partner in the firm must send a request in writing to pc@lawsociety.ie.
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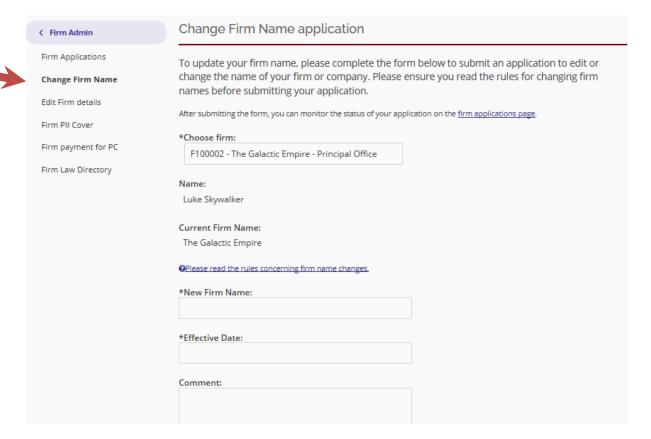
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Change Firm Name

To edit your Firm Name, you have to complete the form to submit an application for approval by the Society. Please ensure you read the rules for changing firm names before submitting your application.

You can either:

- Click on Change Firm Name and fill out the application form, or
- Click on Edit Firm Details and then click Edit Firm Name.



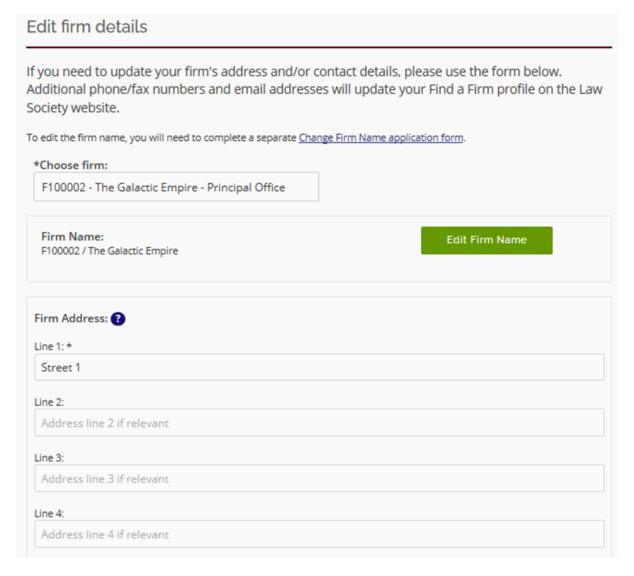
After submitting the form, you can monitor the status of your application on the firm applications page.

If you are not a Firm Administrator, you will not be able to apply to change the firm name.

Edit Firm details

If you are a Firm Administrator, you will be able to edit these firm details on the page for immediate update:

- Firm Address.
- Firm Emails.
- Firm Phone Numbers.
- Firm Fax.

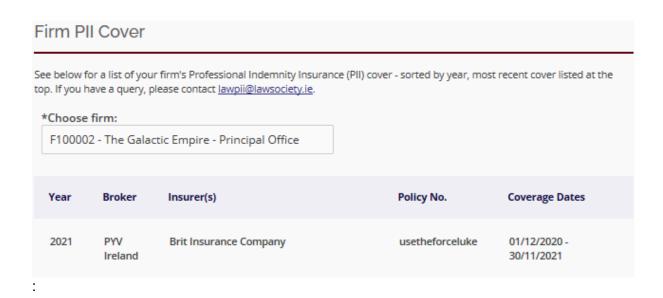


If you are not a Firm Administrator, you will not be able to edit the firm details.

Firm PII Cover

If you are a Firm Administrator, you will be able to see details in relation to the firm's PII Cover.

This will include the year, the broker, the insurer(s), the policy number and the coverage dates. If you have a query in relation to the PII, contact piihelpline@lawsociety.ie.



If you are not a Firm Administrator, you will not be able to see details in relation to the firm's PII Cover.

Firm Payment for Practising Certificates

If you are a Firm Administrator, you will be able to see details in relation to the Firm Payment for Practising Certificates.

In this section, an administrator can:

- Review details for solicitors in their firm.
- Check the status of current practising certificate applications.
- Generate a schedule of fees for payment.
- Generate a pre-filled EFT form.

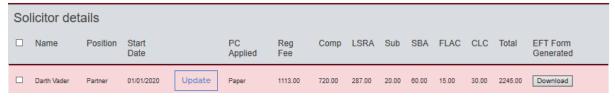
Firm Payment for Practising Certificates

Review details for solicitors in your firm, the status of current practising certificate applications and generate a schedule of fees for payment.

Payment and updates

- > To pay for a list of solicitors, use the tick box in the left column to select all (in header) or tick the row for specific solicitors, then click Generate Schedule of Fees.
- If paying by EFT, don't forget to complete and send us the EFT form.
- > To update a solicitor's details or remove them, click Update to send us the changes.
- > To add a solicitor that's missing from the list, click Add new solicitor to send us the details including their solicitor number.
- > You can email a solicitor who has not submitted their application yet using Send Reminder.





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Please note that cheques won't be accepted for the 2021 renewal, so please pay by EFT. You can use a new pre-filled EFT form since December 2020.

A Firm Administrator can complete and generate the required EFT form for one or multiple solicitors with the details the Society needs, so we can link your payment correctly.

Only Firm Administrators can see this area. If you are a Firm Administrator but can't see or access this function, please email pc@lawsociety.ie.

Firm Payment for Practising Certificates

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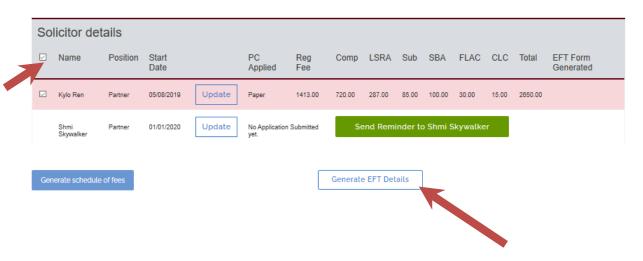
Paying by EFT

When paying for a list of solicitors, the Firm Administrator needs to send us a PC receipt for every solicitor, along with the generated EFT form.

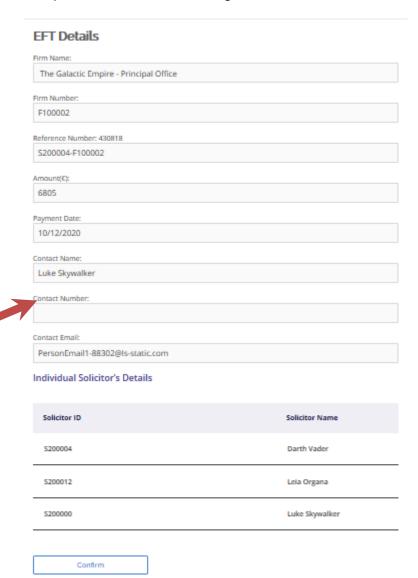
Solicitors can access the PC receipt after submitting their PC form online.

To generate the EFT form, you:

- Use the tick box in the left column header to select all if you are generating for a list of solicitors, or tick the row for specific solicitors.
- Then click **Generate EFT Details** in the bottom right.



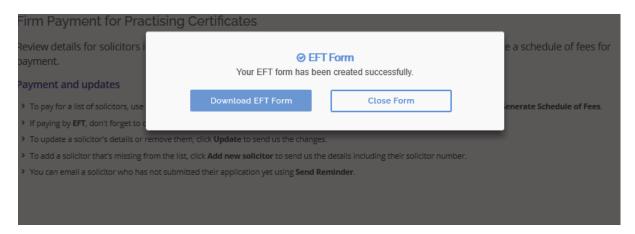
The pre-filled EFT form will be generated like this:



- Firm Administrators can review the information, which includes the total amount, solicitor names and a reference number.
- You can edit the Reference Number.
- Please note that we will append the Law Society order number to the reference (the number situated beside the Reference Number label).
- To proceed to Confirm EFT Payment, you must enter a contact number shown above.

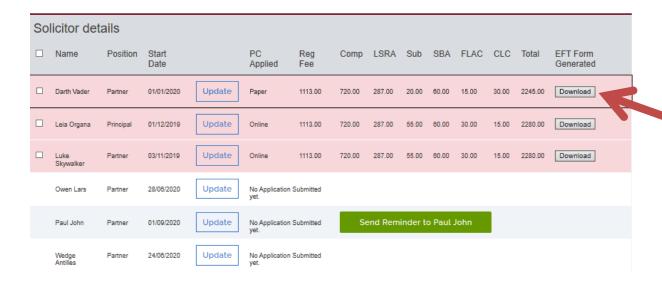
Submitting an EFT Form

When you click **Confirm**, this message will be displayed:



You can then select **Download EFT Form** and you will have the option to save or open the form (it will open in a separate window), or print the form.

- If you made a mistake, you can simply generate the form again and it will overwrite the previous form for your selected solicitors.
- You then send the form with each solicitor's PC receipt page, which solicitors can access after submitting their PC form online and selecting the EFT payment option.
- For every solicitor where a form has already been generated, you will see **Download** in the EFT column beside their names click on **Download** to see the details.



EFT Payment Form

Notes: Individual/firm/company name

Person to contact in event of query.



Payment Details:

Firm Name: The Galactic Empire - Principal

Office

Firm Number: F100002

Reference: 430818-S200004-F100002

30818-S200004-F100002 This reference will be used to identify the payer i.e Firm/Individual/company name or Firm/Individual number

Amount: 6805

Date: 8/12/2020 Date in which the payment was made

Contact Details:

Contact Name: Luke Skywalker

Contact Number: 0888446575

Contact Email: PersonEmail1-88302@ls-static.com

Individual Solicitor's Details:

Solicitor No	Name
S200000	Luke Skywalker
S200004	Darth Vader

Bank Account Details:

Account Name: Law Society of Ireland, Bank of Ireland
2 College Green Dublin 2

Bank Account No: 30082086

IBAN: IE40 BOFI 9000 1730 0820 86

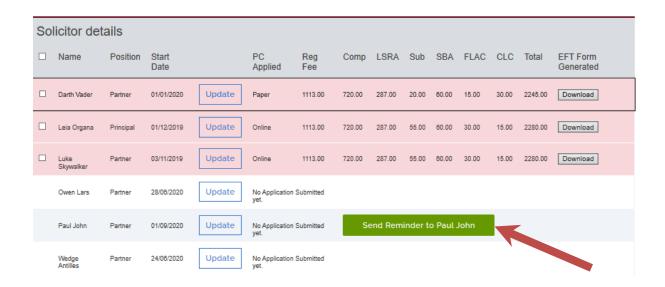
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Notes: General references such as "Law Society" or "practising certificates" will not be accepted. Failure to include this information will result in the application form being returned as incomplete.

PC Reminder Function

Firm Admins can send a reminder to individual solicitors who haven't yet submitted their PC applications by clicking **Send Reminder to.**

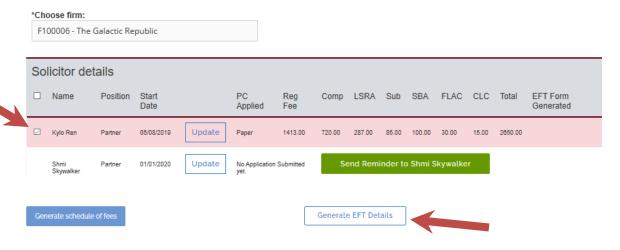
This automatically sends a PC reminder email to the individual.



EFT Payment for Branch Office Firm Admins

Firm Administrators for branch (rather than principal office) firms, will only be able to see the branch office solicitors in the Firm Payment section.

To generate an EFT form for an individual solicitor in the branch office, tick the box beside the person's name or if paying for a list of solicitors, use the tick box in the left column to select all (in header), then click Generate EFT Details.



Firm Applications

If you are a Firm Administrator, you will be able to see the list of firm applications. Within here you will see the application, the submitted date, the status and whether or not there are queries in relation to your application. See below an example of how it displays:

List of Firm Applications

A list of firm specific rather than individual applications (such as changing the firm name or address) that have been submitted online are listed below in date order, along with their status.

Click on the application name to view a copy of the form submitted. If there are any queries from the Law Society, click on the **view queries** link to view and respond to queries related to that application.

*Choose firm:

F100002 - The Galactic Empire - Principal Office

Application	Submitted Date	Status	Queries
Firm Name Application - The Galaxy Empire	06/06/2020	Denied	

If you click the application you will be able to see the application and information related to it. In our example, you can see the current firm name change was submitted on 6 June 2020, but has been denied.

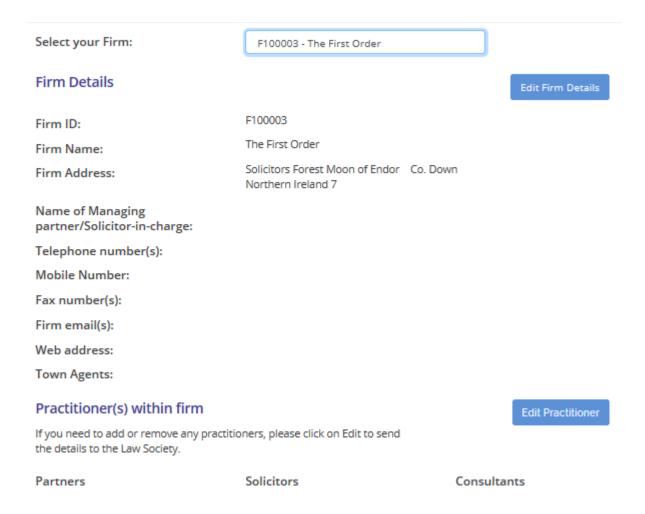
Firm Law Directory

In this area, a Partner or approved Firm Administrator can review the data the Law Society holds for your firm and branches, if relevant. The quickest way to update firm details, such as address, name or contact information, is through the website. The quickest way to update firm details, such as address, name or contact information, is through the website by clicking **Edit Firm Details**.

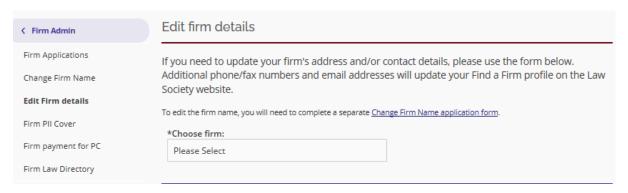
For other updates, you may need to contact us at lawdirectory@lawsociety.ie.

To view details for your firm, select from the dropdown.

If you need to add or remove any practitioners in your firm, please click on **Edit Practitioner** to send the details to the Law Society. This edit will not be immediate.



If you click **Edit Firm Details**, you will be brought back to the page where you can submit any changes.



Contact/Queries

For all queries about the Firm Administration section or PC payments, please email pc@lawsociety.ie.

If you are experiencing login issues or have any other technical queries, please contact webmaster@lawsociety.ie or use the Web Chat function on the Law Society website.