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. Information on the firm administration facility can also be found on the Law Society's website www.lawsociety.ie/firm-administrator/.

Principal/partners automatically have access to the Firm Administration section for the firm they are resident in. Fo Industry/State bodies, 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.

Non-solicitors must have a Law Society website login account (<u>register here</u>) 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.

Access to Firm Administration facility

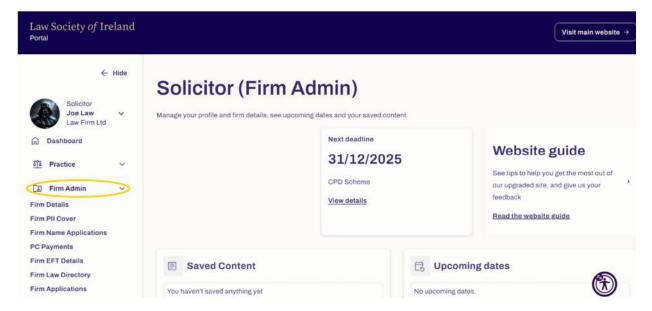
To access the Firm Administration facility of the website, you need to be a partner, principal or approved Firm Administrator.

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.



Click on your name and then click Firm Administration to view facility.



Becoming a Firm Administrator

The secure Firm Administration facility of the site can only be accessed by a staff member appointed as Firm Administrator and approved by the Law Society.

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

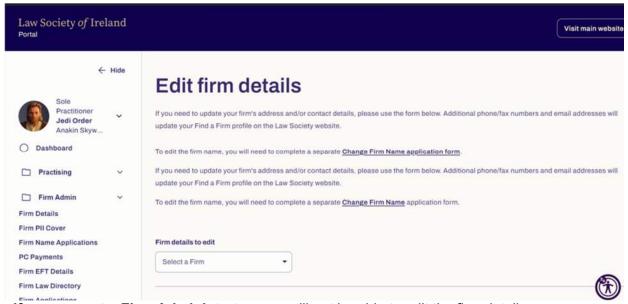
- Principal/Partners automatically have access to Firm Admin section for the firm they
 are resident in. For help, email webmaster@lawsociety.ie.
- Other Solicitors the principal/managing partner in the firm must send a request in writing to pc@lawsociety.ie.
- Non-solicitors must <u>register a login account</u> (<u>www.lawsociety.ie/login</u>), click on Public tab and then click on 'register here' link. Separately, the principal/managing partner in the firm must send a request in writing to <u>pc@lawsociety.ie</u>.
- Industry/State bodies the solicitor identified as Managing Partner or solicitor-incharge is deemed to be the Firm Administrator. To make a change, contact pc@lawsociety.ie.

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

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.

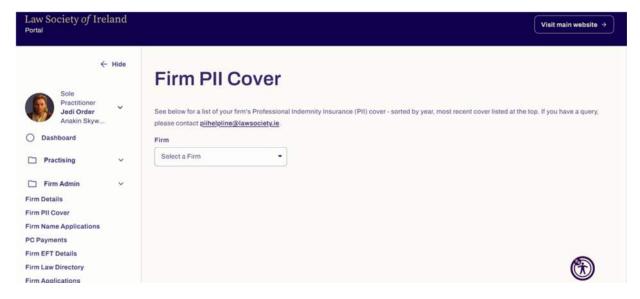


If you are not a Firm Administrator, you will not be able to edit the firm details.

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 Name Applications

To edit your Firm Name, you have to complete the form to submit an application for approval by the Law Society. Please ensure you read the rules for changing firm names before submitting your application. You can click on Firm Name application and fill out the application form and then click Submit.



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

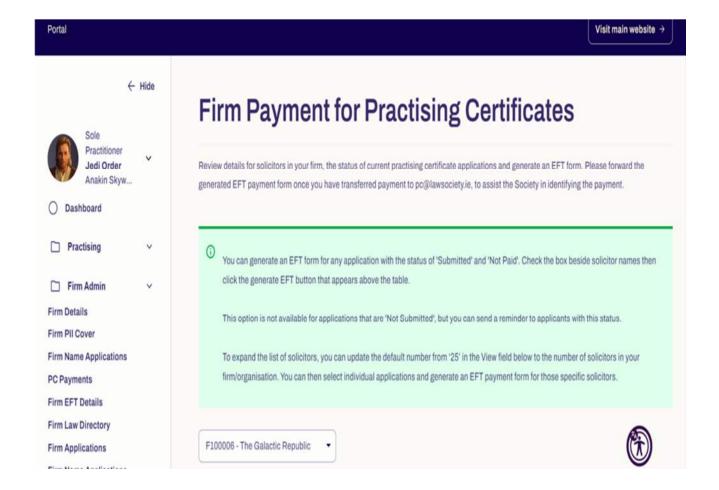
If you are not a Firm Administrator, you will not be able to apply to change the firm name.

PC Payments

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

In this section, an administrator can:

- Review application status (submitted / not submitted)
- Review payment status (paid / not paid)
- Review breakdown of practising certificate fee for the individual application following submission by clicking on the Λ symbol
- Generate a pre-filled EFT Payment form detailing the schedule of fees payable.
- Add or remove a solicitor to their firm.



Payment and updates

- To pay for a list of solicitors, use the tick box beside the word 'Solicitor' in the left column to select all (in header) or tick the row for specific solicitors, then click **Download EFT For Selected Solicitors**.
- To add a solicitor who is missing from the list, click **Update Listing** to send us the details including their solicitor number.

Please note that cheques won't be accepted for the 2026 renewal, so please pay by EFT.

*It is important that the solicitors in your firm are fully aware of the amount payable for their practising certificates i.e., additional contributions and/or membership subscriptions. This is to

avoid unnecessary delays in the processing of their applications where fee amounts have to be amended manually by the Law Society.

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

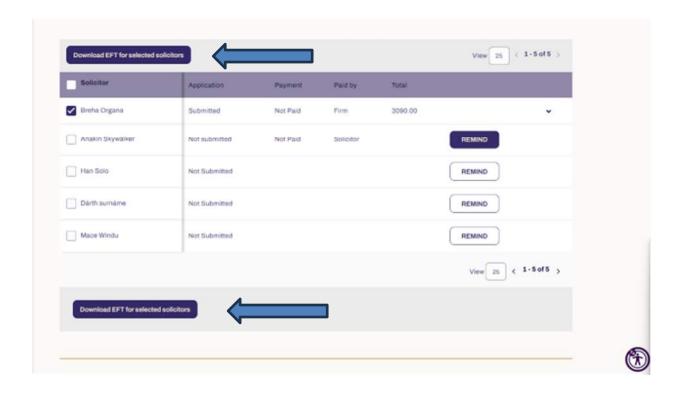
Only Firm Administrators can see this area. If you are a Firm Administrator but can't see or access this function, please email pc@lawsociety.ie.

Paying by EFT

When paying for a list of solicitors, the Firm Administrator needs to send to the Law Society the generated EFT Payment form by email to pc@lawsociety.ie following the transfer of payment by EFT.

To generate the EFT Payment 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 For Selected Solicitors (at top or bottom of page).



A prompt will appear on screen noting that your EFT has been downloaded to your device. The completed form looks like this:



EFT Payment Form

Attention: we have updated our bank details for EFT payments. Please ensure that you update any details saved in your banking system with the details below.

Payment Details:

Name The Galactic Republic

Firm Number F100006

Date 18/12/2024

Reference REG-687675-s79998-F100006

EFT Payment Total €6051

Virtual IBAN: IE68SBOX42424200000702

BIC: NFXNIE22XXX

Your Virtual IBAN ensures that your PC payment is linked to the correct application. To learn more about changes to Law Society EFT payments, visit www.lawsociety.ie/payments

Contact Details

Contact Name John Delaney
Contact Number (01) 6704000

Contact Email personemail1-88322@ls-static.com

Notes: Please use the reference as noted above to ensure the EFT payment is assigned to the correct application without delay. Failure to include this reference will result in the delay on processing payment.

The Law Society cannot be held responsible for any delay which occurs in processing applications to obtain practising certificate where payment has been forwarded to another Law Society account which does not deal with practising certificates/membership fees. You are required to ensure that monies have been sent to the correct Virtual IBAN.

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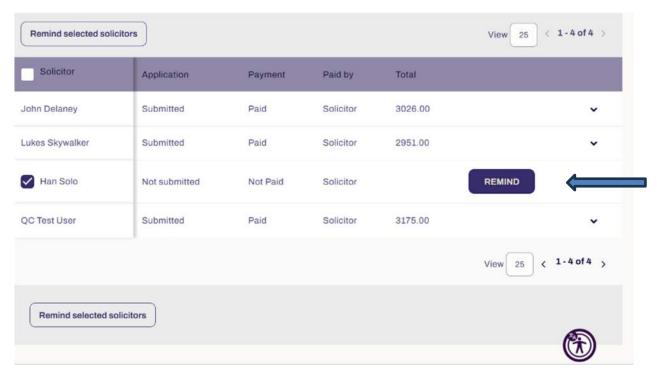
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When making your payment, it is necessary to use the reference as noted in your Downloaded EFT Payment Form. If you have made changes and downloaded your EFT Payment Form more than once, please note the latest reference from the EFT being used. It is necessary to add this reference number on the 'transaction reference' with your bank. This links the payment to the solicitors' practising certificates. There is no need to add any additional information 'REG-6xxxx-s12345' will suffice, any changes made to this reference number will cause delays in processing your payments.

PC Reminder Function

Firm Admins can send a reminder to individual solicitors who have not submitted their PC applications by clicking **Remind**.

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 for PC section.

To generate an EFT Payment 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 for Selected Solicitors.

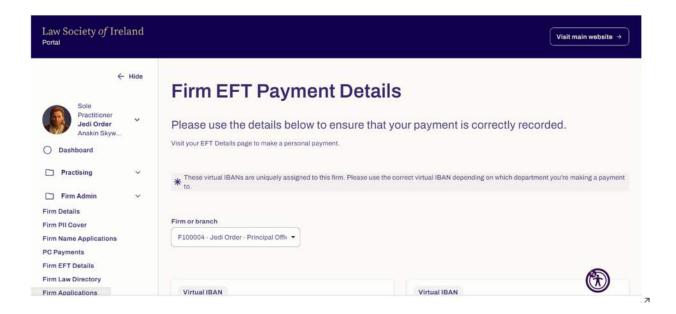
Firm EFT Details

The Law Society upgraded its EFT payment system in 2025 by introducing Virtual International Bank Account Numbers [Virtual IBANs] for both individuals and firms. Information relating to payments and Virtual IBANs can be found on the Society's website:

https://www.lawsociety.ie/Help/payment

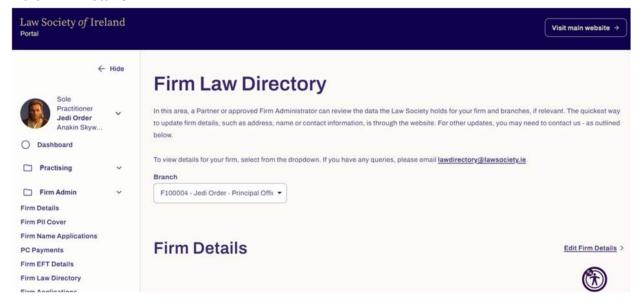
** Please ensure before making payments on behalf of your firm that you have updated your firm's banking details by changing the Law Society's former bank account details to your firm's new Virtual IBAN and BIC details.

You can access the firm's Virtual IBAN details in the 'Firm EFT Details' on your 'Firm Administration' tab on your online Dashboard. Please ensure to select the Virtual IBAN for Law Society/Regulation, when paying for practising certificates.

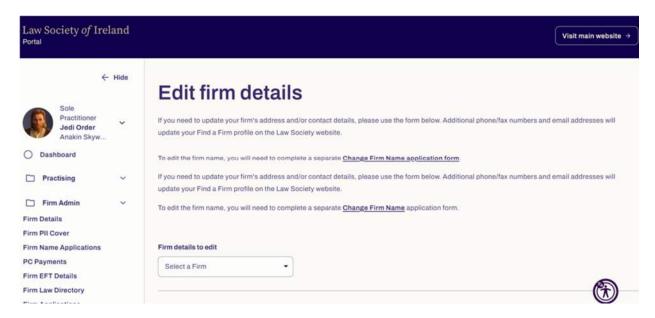


Firm Law Directory

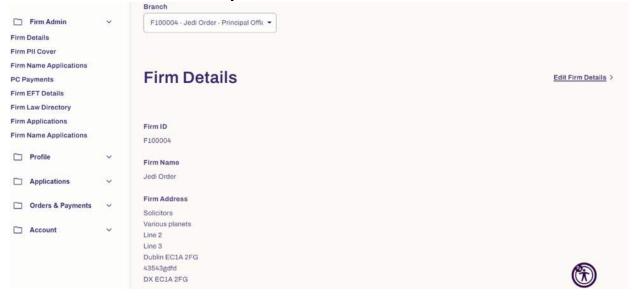
In this area, a Partner or approved Firm Administrator can review the data the Law Society holds for your firm and branches, if relevant. The quickest way to update firm details, such as address, name or contact information, is through the website. The quickest way to update firm details, such as address,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



To view details for your firm, select from the dropdown. If you click **Edit Firm Details**, you will be brought back to the page where you can submit any changes.



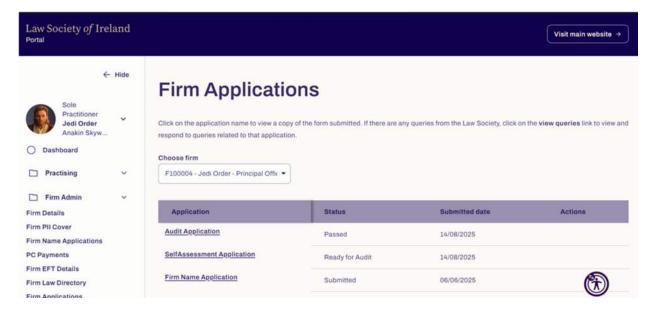
If you need to add or remove any practitioners in your firm, please click on **Edit** Firm Details to send the details to the Law Society. This edit will not be immediate.



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

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:



If you click the application, you will be able to see the application and information related to it. In one example above, you can see the current firm name change was submitted on 6 June 2025.

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.