

**UK – The Law Society (Northern Ireland)
(Introduced in 2005)**

1. Legal basis			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Solicitors Training (Continuing Professional Development/CPD) Regulations 2004</u> - Adopted by the Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland, in exercise of its powers under Article 6 and Article 74(1) of the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, as amended by the Solicitors (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, and all powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland on 13/10/2004 - Entry into force: 06/01/2005 		
2. Training			
2.1. Basic information			
	Extent		- 10 hours/practice year
	Exemptions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motivated reasons (e.g. solicitors working 200 or less during a practice year, long term illness, maternity leave etc.) - Exemptions granted by the Council of the Law Society
2.2. Activities and methods			
Activities	Courses	✓	- Max.10 hours/practice year
	Language courses	✓	
	Teaching	✓	- Max. 4 hours and delivery time/practice year
	Writing/publishing	✓	- Max. 7,5 hours/practice year
	Foreign training activities	NO	
	Other	✓	
Methods	Availability of e-methods	✓	- E-learning
2.3. Course providers			
	Bar/Law Society	NO	
	Accredited provider	NO	
	Other provider (free market providers)	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of providers: N/A - Prior application for a course accreditation: ✓ - Accreditation body: the Law Society (if any matter arises this will be looked into by the relevant committee) - Procedure: providing details of the courses - Criteria for accreditation: N/A
3. Assessment of training activities			
	Accredited course of 'other provider'	N/A	
	Other training activity		Training activities are assessed during the compliance procedure (please see below 4.1.)
4. Supervision			
4.1. Compliance procedure			
	Regular control		- Solicitor submits a CPD training card to the Law Society annually

		- The Law Society checks and verifies the submitted cards
	Random control	NO
4.2. Sanctions		
	Non-disciplinary	NO
	Disciplinary	- A failure to comply with the requirements may be treated as professional misconduct and will be considered by the relevant committee