

Compensation Fund

Applications for stamp duty and land registry fees

We may authorise a grant if you can prove that the solicitor had enough funds to complete the transaction.

Please provide the following with your application.

- 1 A copy of the solicitor's completion statement for the purchase (or remortgage) and any related sale, together with copies of his or her bills.
- 2 A copy of the solicitor's account sheet relating to the purchase (and sale if this applies). You can get this from the agent we asked to close the solicitor's firm, the firm that has taken over the solicitor's practice, or our Intervention Archives. When we close down a firm of solicitors, we will appoint a local firm of solicitors to take possession of the files of the practice and to distribute the 'live' files to clients. We store any 'closed' files that are left at our Intervention Archives in Coventry. The caseworker may be able to help you get these documents.
- 3 Evidence that the solicitor was paid any amount shown in the completion statement as needed to complete the transaction. We would prefer a bank statement or receipt.

Note - If you cannot get a completion statement or ledger sheet, you will need to prepare a cash statement showing the money paid to the solicitor, and the money the solicitor paid out. We will need documentary evidence to show the payments and receipts.