

## News

### Owning a separate business, updated guidance.

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Some solicitors own separate businesses, offering a one-stop shop for clients who need other professional services.

We have recently updated [our guidance explaining your obligations](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/separate-business-guidance/) under our codes and principles when linked with a separate business. This guidance covers issues such as:

- the information requirements appropriate to clients of an unauthorised business and obtaining a clients informed consent
- Examples of situations involving separate business
- Conflicts of interest and confidentiality involving separate businesses
- Dividing or allowing a matter to be divided