



Summary criminal legal assistance reform: further training seminars

Your details

TO: All criminal legal assistance solicitors in Fife and Dumfries

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REFORM OF SUMMARY CRIMINAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE: FURTHER TRAINING SEMINARS IN FIFE AND DUMFRIES

Following the implementation of the summary criminal legal assistance reforms on 30 June, we advised in Mailing 8 about a further series of evening seminars we ran principally about accounts matters, but which also gave the opportunity to have a short update on the changes and ask any queries that were not included within our guidance on the legal assistance changes.

Following a request from the local faculties, we are pleased to now offer seminars on Wednesday 17 September in Balbirnie House Hotel, near Glenrothes and Tuesday 23 September in the Station Hotel, Dumfries.

The accounts elements of the session will include:

- an overview of the main accounting changes
- details of the most common accounts related questions since the reforms were introduced
- an overview on how to complete the account synopsis forms
- question and answers on any accounts related issues.

Seminars are free and qualify for cpd. They start at 6pm and are expected to conclude by 7.30pm. A buffet with tea and coffee is available from 5.30pm. Anyone from your office involved in criminal legal assistance work can attend. You can read more details on the training seminars overleaf. To book a place for one of our training seminars, either book online at www.slab.org.uk or use this page and fax it back to us. As places are limited, please book at least two days in advance.

Your details

Name	
Job title (if applicable)	
Organisation	
Address	
Names of any colleagues who will also attend this seminar.	

- Fife - Wednesday 17 September - Balbirnie House Hotel, near Glenrothes
- Dumfries - Tuesday 23 September - The Best Western Station Hotel, Dumfries

Now return this form by fax back to: 0131 220 4878

Or email your details to: general@slab.org.uk

or post to: Communications, Scottish Legal Aid Board, 44 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7SW.

More information on the seminars

In advance of the reforms to summary criminal legal assistance which were implemented on **30 June 2008**, the Board issued a range of written guidance and held training seminars that gave an overview of the changes to help solicitors prepare for 30 June.

In August and September we have been running a series of seminars to follow up on the guidance and previous training seminars. These seminars principally focus on accounts issues, but also give you the opportunity to raise queries about the implementation of the changes to criminal advice and assistance, ABWOR and summary criminal legal aid. These queries may be about how to complete parts of the forms, or what the application process is in a case. In addition, the sessions will also allow you to raise any queries about using our Legal Aid Online service for criminal advice and assistance/ABWOR cases.

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Please note that these seminars are to provide training about the implementation of the reforms, and are not to discuss the merits of the changes. You should note that:

- the seminars will start at **6pm** and close at **7.30pm**
- a light buffet with tea and coffee will be available before the session from **5.30pm**
- you can obtain CPD for these events
- they are free and open to staff in your office involved in criminal legal assistance work
- you should return your booking form at least two days in advance of the sessions.

How to book and venue details

To book a place at an event, please complete the booking form:

- online on our website www.slab.org.uk/profession/summarycriminal
- return the booking form overleaf
- you can find details of the venues including location maps on our website www.slab.org.uk/profession/summarycriminal
- we will also send you information on the venues by post.

For any seminar booking queries, contact the Board's Communications Department on **0131 240 1985** or email general@slab.org.uk