

Mergers, acquisitions and other business changes

To ensure we have all the information we need to process your application, please ensure you are completing the latest version of this form. The most up to date version is linked from icaew.com/regulatoryapplications, or please email regulatorysupport@icaew.com for a copy.

We aim to provide a decision on your application as soon as possible. This is usually within 8-12 weeks of receiving a fully completed application form and all supporting documentation.

Where a regulated firm acquires, merges or combines with another practice, ICAEW must be told as soon as possible (and preferably in advance of the transaction) for us to assess whether the business combination affects each firms' ongoing eligibility.

Typical scenarios we need to be notified about include where:

- an existing regulated firm acquires the assets, trade and goodwill of all or part of another firm;
- a new firm acquires the assets, trade and goodwill of all or part of a regulated firm; or
- two (or more) existing practices merge to form a new firm that needs to be regulated by ICAEW.

This is not an exhaustive list of all possible business combinations we need to be notified about. If you are unsure whether to complete this form, please call +44 (0)1908 546 302 for guidance.

Your firm may also need to submit regulatory application forms as a result of the business combination. Please see our guidance on [Which form do I need and when?](#)

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FORM

- **Please fill in this form electronically, using the TAB key to move from one answer to the next. The relevant sections can be signed with a digital signature.**
- **Please note that all signatures and Letters of Good Standing (LOGS) need to be dated within the last three months. If, at the stage of approval of the application, the signature was added more than three months ago, we will require the form to be resigned and/or a new LOGS to be provided**
- **Then send it as an email attachment to regulatorysupport@icaew.com**

The compliance principals of each firm must counter-sign this form to confirm the accuracy of the information provided to ICAEW and to authorise us to process the changes to each firm's records on our database.

Where a firm is regulated in a number of areas, we accept the sole signature of the audit compliance principal (ACP) provided the firm is audit-registered and the ACP has authority to sign on behalf of the firm. If this is not the case, the individual compliance principals for each regulated area of the firm(s) will need to separately counter-sign the form.

This form has been designed to apply to the most typical business combinations undertaken by our firms. However, we appreciate the terminology in this form may not fit the precise circumstances of your combination. Please complete the form as completely and accurately as possible and provide supplementary information where the nature of your combination does not easily fit within the questions asked on this form.

If you have any questions as you complete the form, please call +44 (0)1908 546 302.

1 DETAILS OF THE BUSINESS COMBINATION

Please provide a description of the proposed business combination, date of likely completion and names of the existing and new firms involved.

2 CURRENT FIRM DETAILS

Please complete this section for each firm involved in the business combination.

Name of firm A:

Firm number: C0

Current regulatory registrations: AML Audit DPB Probate LP Scheme None

Regulator for these registrations: AML: Audit: DPB: Probate: LP scheme:

Is this firm ceasing to trade as a result of the business combination? YES NO

Are any of the firm's current regulatory registrations ceasing as a result of the business combination? YES NO

If the firm and/or regulatory registrations are ceasing, please confirm which regulatory resignations are ceasing and the date from when the cessation(s) will be effective.

AML	Cessation date	Audit	Cessation date	DPB	Cessation date	Probate	Cessation date	LP scheme	Cessation date
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Name of firm B:

Firm number: **C0**

Current regulatory registrations: AML Audit DPB Probate LP Scheme None

Regulator for these registrations: AML: Audit: DPB: Probate: LP scheme:

Is this firm ceasing to trade as a result of the business combination? YES NO

Are any of the firm's current regulatory registrations ceasing as a result of the business combination? YES NO

If the firm and/or regulatory registrations are ceasing, please confirm which regulatory resignations are ceasing and the date from when the cessation(s) will be effective.

AML	Cessation date	Audit	Cessation date	DPB	Cessation date	Probate	Cessation date	LP scheme	Cessation date
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Name of firm C:

Firm number: **C0**

Current regulatory registrations: AML Audit DPB Probate LP Scheme None

Regulator for these registrations: AML: Audit: DPB: Probate: LP scheme:

Is this firm ceasing to trade as a result of the business combination? YES NO

Are any of the firm's current regulatory registrations ceasing as a result of the business combination? YES NO

If the firm and/or regulatory registrations are ceasing, please confirm which regulatory resignations are ceasing and the date from when the cessation(s) will be effective.

AML	Cessation date	Audit	Cessation date	DPB	Cessation date	Probate	Cessation date	LP scheme	Cessation date
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3 NEW FIRM OR CHANGES TO AN EXISTING FIRM?

Will this merger/acquisition result in a new firm? YES NO

If 'Yes', please now complete sections 4, 5, 6, 7a, 8a, 9, 10

If 'No,' please now complete sections 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9, 10

4 NEW FIRM DETAILS

Name of new firm:

Will the firm be regulated for any of the following, or remain as an unregulated firm? AML Audit DPB Probate LP scheme LP scheme

Have application forms for the regulated areas listed above been provided? (Consider both the firm and individual applications required.) YES NO

Please read our [guidance notes](#) for clarification on the additional application forms that may be required.

If these forms have not been included, please explain their omission and when we should expect to receive them:

Please confirm you have provided an updated letterhead for the new firm? YES

Please confirm you have provided a copy of the PII schedule in the name of the new firm? YES

5 NEW ADDRESS DETAILS

Please complete this section if either a new firm is being created, or if new addresses are being added to an existing firm.

If a new firm is being created, please provide details of all offices that will be used by the new firm. Please send us a letterhead for each address. Please use additional sheets if required.

If a new firm isn't being created please provide details of any new offices the existing firm is taking over from the target firm. Please send us a letterhead for each address. Please use additional sheets if required.

Address for the new firm:

Postcode/zipcode: Phone:

Is this a training office? YES

Is this a market day office? YES

Will probate work be conducted from this office? YES

Have you included a letterhead for each office being moved? YES

Address being moved to the existing firm:

Postcode/zipcode:

Phone:

Is this a training office? YES

Is this a market day office? YES

Will probate work be conducted from this office? YES

Have you included a letterhead for each office being moved? YES

6 TRADING NAMES (NEW AND EXISTING FIRMS)

Please complete this section if:

- a new firm is being created and will be using trading names, or
- where an existing (acquiring) firm is taking on the trading names from the target firm.

Please provide details of all trading names to be added to the new firm, or any new trading names to be added to an existing firm. Please note firms that hold a DPB (Investment Business) licence may incur a one-off registration charge of £100 for additional trading names. Trading names used to sign audit reports will be billed as an additional office during our fee renewal. Please use additional sheets if required.

Trading name(s)

7A NEW PRINCIPALS (NEW AND EXISTING FIRMS)

Please provide details of any new principals to be added to the new firm or acquiring firm.

ICAEW member or affiliate number	Name	Office address	Regulatory body?	Practising certificate?
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Have you included affiliate forms and necessary fees (as required) for new principals who are not members of ICAEW, ICAS or ICAI or ACCA general affiliates? YES Not required

Please read our [guidance notes](#) for clarification on the additional application forms that may be required

7B PRINCIPALS NOT MOVING TO THE ACQUIRING FIRM

Please provide the details of any principals who are not moving to the acquiring firm.

ICAEW member or affiliate number	Name	Office address	Regulatory body?	Practising certificate?	Where will they go?
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8A NEW REGULATORY ROLES

Please provide details of people in regulatory roles who will be moving to the new or acquiring firm.

The required roles are responsible individuals (including employee RIs); authorised individuals; Head of Legal Practice; Head of Finance and Administration; and licensed practitioners.

Please complete a separate role if an individual holds multiple roles if the new or acquiring firm.

ICAEW member or affiliate number	Name	Office address	Regulatory body?	Regulatory role(s)
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Have the appropriate application forms been included for persons taking on regulatory roles in the new or acquiring firm?	YES	NO	N/A
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If you have answered 'No' or 'N/A', please explain in the space below why these forms are not included.

Please read our [guidance notes](#) for clarification on the additional application forms that may be required

8B REGULATORY ROLES NOT MOVING TO THE ACQUIRING FIRM

Are there any people in regulatory roles who will not be moving to the new or acquiring firm? If 'YES', please provide details.

ICAEW member or affiliate number	Name	Office address	Regulatory role(s)	Where will they go?
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9 SHAREHOLDINGS/VOTING RIGHTS/MANAGEMENT BOARDS

Please provide a full list of shareholdings, voting rights and management board members for the new or acquiring firm following the business combination.

Firms that are limited by shares should complete the information on the number and percentage of shares held. All firms should complete the information on voting rights and management board members.

ICAEW member or affiliate number	Name	Office address	No of shares	% of shares	% of total voting rights?	Management board member
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ICAEW member or affiliate number	Name	Office address	No of shares	% of shares	% of total voting rights?	Management board member

10 SIGNATURES

In this section, the main contact principals of the firm need to confirm they are aware of the changes and are authorised to make changes to the current ICAEW records. If the firm has multiple registrations, the audit compliance partner (ACP) signature is required.

Name of ACP or equivalent for firm A	ICAEW number
Signature	Date DD MM YY
Name of ACP or equivalent for firm B	ICAEW number
Signature	Date DD MM YY
Name of ACP or equivalent for firm C	ICAEW number
Signature	Date DD MM YY

11 OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Use of description Chartered Accountants

Please refer to our [guidance](#) to check whether any of the firms involved in the business combination that wish to use the description, Chartered Accountants, will be eligible to do so or whether a dispensation application, and/or general affiliate applications are needed.

Anti-money laundering supervision

Please refer to our [guidance](#) to check whether each of the firms involved in the business combination will continue to be automatically supervised by ICAEW for anti-money laundering purposes or whether a separate contract is required.

Maintaining a firm's record

It is important to maintain an accurate ICAEW firm record. Use [this guide](#) to find out what to consider when changing the structure of your firm

Send the form by email to regulatorysupport@icaew.com and we will contact you should any payment be required.

USING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will treat your personal information in accordance with data protection legislation. We will use your information to carry out our responsibilities as a regulator and as a professional body. We may, either as required by law or to carry out those responsibilities, share your personal information to comply with the requirements of government departments, agencies and regulators. Where necessary, we may transfer your information outside the UK or European Economic Area (EEA) eg, to one of our offices. These countries may not have similar data protection laws to the UK so, if we do transfer your information, we will take the necessary steps to ensure that your privacy rights are still protected. For more information about our data protection policy, please go to icaew.com/dataprotection