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# Law firms and solicitors now allowed to work in India

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The Bar Council of India (BCI) recently changed their rules and now allow solicitors and law firms to provide services by establishing an office in India.

### Opening an office in India

A law firm, whether structured as an LLP or company, can establish an office, branch, subsidiary or joint venture in India. From that office, it may provide non-litigious legal services, including international arbitration seated in India, to both Indian and foreign clients.

Firms who want to establish themselves in India will need to [register with the BCI](https://www.barcouncilofindia.org/info/foreign-lawyer-registration) and provide the following from us:

- a letter of regulatory standing
- a letter of reciprocity
- certificates of good standing for each solicitor intending to register as foreign lawyers.

Find out how to apply for the [letters and certificates](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/solicitors/certificates/)

Firms should also check how the [SRA Overseas and Cross-border Practice Rules](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/overseas-cross-border-practice-rules/) may also apply.

You can also find out more about this on [The Law Society website](https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/topics/international/doing-legal-business-in-india).