

CHAPTER 3

LAND REGISTRY AND
LAND ACTS MATTERS

LAW SOCIETY CONVEYANCING HANDBOOK



CANCELLATION OF LAND CERTIFICATES ON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

The Conveyancing Committee of the Law Society fully supports the decision of the Land Registry to cancel Land Certificates on a change of ownership.

The committee also notes that lending institutions no longer have an automatic requirement that new Land Certificates be bespoke in respect of property taken as security by way of legal mortgage.

Practitioners, therefore, should no longer bespeak a Land Certificate, unless they have specific instructions from their clients to do so.

The next edition of the certificate of title documentation will reflect the new position.

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UPDATE (2006): See Section 73 of the Registration of Deeds and Title Act 2006 regarding the abolition of Land Certificates. See also page 3.41 hereof regarding liens over Land Certificates.