

# Terms and expressions in company names covered by other legislation

## Anzac

The "[Anzac \(Restriction on Trade Use of Word\) Act 1916](#)", makes it an offence to use this word or anything similar in connection with any trade, business or profession.

## Architect

To use this word in your proposed company or business name, an email or letter confirming you are authorised to use this title from the Architects Registration Board (ARB) is required.

[info@arb.org.uk](mailto:info@arb.org.uk)

Architects Registration Board  
8 Weymouth Street  
London  
W1W 5BU

Names that include 'naval architect', 'landscape architect' or 'golf-course architect' are not restricted.

## Bachelor of medicine

This title is protected by The Medical Act 1983. To use this expression in a company or business name, a copy of your practising certificate or evidence of your inclusion on the list of Registered Medical Practitioners is required.

## Building Society

Building Societies are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority and subject to the Building Societies Act 1986. This expression cannot be used in a company or business name.

For further information, please contact the FCA.

[consumer.queries@fca.org.uk](mailto:consumer.queries@fca.org.uk)

Sensitive Business Names Team  
Financial Conduct Authority  
25 North Colonnade Canary Wharf  
London  
E14 5HS

## Chemist / Dispensing chemist / Dispensing druggist / Druggist / Pharmaceutical chemist / Pharmaceutical druggist / Pharmacist / Pharmacy

These titles are protected by the Medicines Act 1968. To use any of them in a proposed company or business name, an email or letter of authorisation from your professional body is required.

### England, Wales and Scotland

[info@pharmacyregulation.org](mailto:info@pharmacyregulation.org)

The General Pharmaceutical Council  
25 Canada Square  
London  
E14 5LQ

### Northern Ireland

[info@psni.org.uk](mailto:info@psni.org.uk)

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The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland  
73 University Street  
Belfast  
BT7 1HL

## **Chiropractic / Chiropractor / Chiropractic practitioner / Chiropractioner / Chiropractic physician**

These titles are protected by The Chiropractors Act 1994. To use any of them in your proposed company or business name, an email or letter of authorisation from the General Chiropractic Council is required.

[enquiries@gcc-uk.org](mailto:enquiries@gcc-uk.org)

The Chief Executive  
General Chiropractic Council  
44 Wicklow Street  
London  
WC1X 9HL

## **Citius / Altius / Fortius**

This expression, its plurals, translations and anything similar, is protected by The Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Act 1995. Its use in a company or business name could commit an offence. If you decide to use this expression, the views of the British Olympic Association are required.

[brandprotection@teamgb.com](mailto:brandprotection@teamgb.com)

British Olympic Association  
60 Charlotte Street  
London  
W1T 2NU

## **Commonhold Association**

This expression can only be used in the name of a limited by guarantee company registered as a Commonhold Association in accordance with the Commonhold Regulations 2004 (SI No.1829) as amended by The Commonhold (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (SI No. 2363).

## **Community Benefit Society**

This expression can only be used in the name of a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Please contact the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) for further information.

[consumer.queries@fca.org.uk](mailto:consumer.queries@fca.org.uk)

Financial Conduct Authority  
25 The North Colonnade  
Canary Wharf  
London  
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## **Contact lens / Contact lenses**

If your proposed company or business intends to fit contact lenses, evidence that you are a registered medical practitioner, optometrist or dispensing optician authorised to carry out this activity is required.

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If your proposed company or business intends to manufacture or supply contact lenses (but will not fit lenses) confirmation of this is required.

## Co-operative Society

This expression can only be included in the name of a society registered under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

For further information, please contact the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA):

[consumer.queries@fca.org.uk](mailto:consumer.queries@fca.org.uk)

Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)  
25 The North Colonnade  
Canary Wharf  
London  
E14 5HS

## Credit Union

Credit unions are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA). To use this expression in a company or business name, an email or letter of non-objection from the relevant body is required.

### England, Wales and Scotland

[consumer.queries@fca.org.uk](mailto:consumer.queries@fca.org.uk)

Financial Conduct Authority  
25 The North Colonnade  
Canary Wharf  
London  
E14 5HS

### Northern Ireland

[registry.info@economy-ni.gov.uk](mailto:registry.info@economy-ni.gov.uk)

Department for the Economy  
Adelaide House  
39-49 Adelaide Street  
Belfast  
BT2 8FD

## Dentist / Dental Surgeon / Dental Practitioner

The use of these titles is protected under The Dental Act 1984. To use them in your proposed name, a letter or email of non-objection from the General Dental Council is required.

[businessnames@gdc-uk.org](mailto:businessnames@gdc-uk.org)

General Dental Council  
Registration Development  
37 Wimpole Street  
London  
W1G 8DQ

## Dispensing optician / Enrolled optician / Ophthalmic optician / Optician / Optometrist / Registered optician

These titles are protected by The Opticians Act 1989. To use any of them in your proposed company or business name, an email or letter of authorisation from the General Optical Council is required.

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[goc@optical.org](mailto:goc@optical.org)

The Registrar  
General Optical Council  
10 Old Bailey  
London  
EC4M 7NG

## Doctor of medicine

This title is protected by The Medical Act 1983. To support your application to use this expression in a company or business name, a copy of your practising certificate or evidence of your inclusion on the List of Registered Medical Practitioners is required.

## Faster, higher, stronger

This expression, its plurals, translations and anything similar is protected by The Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Act 1995. Its use in a company or business name could commit an offence. If you decide to use this expression, the views of the British Olympic Association are required.

[brandprotection@teamgb.com](mailto:brandprotection@teamgb.com)

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60 Charlotte Street  
London  
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## General practitioner

This title is protected by The Medical Act 1983. To support your application to use this expression in your proposed company or business name, a copy of your practising certificate or evidence of your inclusion on the List of Registered Medical Practitioners is required.

## Geneva Cross

The Geneva Convention Act 1957 makes it an offence to use this expression in a company or business.

## Health Care professions and protected titles

To use any of the protected titles set out below in your proposed company or business name, an email or letter confirming you are authorised to use the relevant title from the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) is required.

[registration@hcpc-uk.org](mailto:registration@hcpc-uk.org)

Registration Department  
Health and Care Professions Council  
Park House  
184 Kennington Park Road  
London  
SE11 4BU

<b>Profession</b>	<b>Protected title</b>
Art therapist	Arts psychotherapist, art therapist, drama therapist, music therapist
Biomedical scientist	Biomedical scientist

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<b>Profession</b>	<b>Protected title</b>
Chiropodist/podiatrist	Chiropodist, podiatrist
Clinical scientist	Clinical scientist
Dietitian	Dietitian, dietician
Hearing aid dispenser	Hearing aid dispenser
Occupational therapist	Occupational therapist
Operating department practitioner	Operating department practitioner
Orthoptist	Orthoptist
Paramedic	Paramedic
Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist, physical therapist,
Practitioner psychologist	Practitioner psychologist, registered psychologist, clinical psychologist, counselling psychologist, educational psychologist, forensic psychologist, health psychologist
Occupational psychologist	Occupational psychologist
Sport and exercise psychologist	Sport and exercise psychologist
Prosthetist/orthotist	Prosthetist, orthotist
Radiographer	Radiographer, diagnostic radiographer, therapeutic radiographer
Social worker (in England)	Social worker
Speech and language therapist	Speech and language therapist, speech therapist

## **Notary / Notary public / Notarial**

To use this word/expression in your proposed name, a letter or email confirming you are authorised to use this title from the relevant body is required.

### **England & Wales**

[faculty.office@1thesanctuary.com](mailto:faculty.office@1thesanctuary.com)

The Faculty Office  
1 The Sanctuary  
London  
SW1P 3JT

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## Northern Ireland

[enquiry@lawsoc-ni.org](mailto:enquiry@lawsoc-ni.org)

Law Society of Northern Ireland  
96 Victoria Street  
Belfast  
BT1 3GN

## Scotland

[lawscot@lawscot.org.uk](mailto:lawscot@lawscot.org.uk)

The Law Society of Scotland  
Atria One  
144 Morrison Street  
Edinburgh  
EH3 8EX

## Olympic / Olympian / Olympiad / Paralympic / Paralympian / Paralympiad

The Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Act 1995 protects these words including their plurals, translations and anything similar. Their use in a company or business name could commit an offence. If you decide to use this expression, the views of the British Olympic Association are required.

[brandprotection@teamgb.com](mailto:brandprotection@teamgb.com)

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London  
W1T 2NU

## Ordnance survey

To use this expression in your proposed company or business, an email or letter of non-objection from Ordnance Survey is required.

[customerservices@os.uk](mailto:customerservices@os.uk)

Ordnance Survey  
Explorer House  
Adanac Drive  
Southampton  
SO16 0AS

## Physician

This title is protected by The Medical Act 1983. To support your application to use this word in your proposed company or business name, a copy of your practising certificate or evidence of your inclusion on the list of Registered Medical Practitioners is required.

## Red Crescent / Red Cross / Red Lion and Sun

The Geneva Convention Act 1957 makes it an offence to use these expressions in a company or business name.

## Registered Society

Registered societies are registered and regulated by the FCA. You cannot use this expression in a company or business name. For further information, please contact the FCA.

[consumer.queries@fca.org.uk](mailto:consumer.queries@fca.org.uk)

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25 The North Colonnade  
Canary Wharf  
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## Scrivener / Scrivener notary

To use this word or expression in your proposed name, a letter or email of authorisation from the Faculty Office is required.

[faculty.office@1thesanctuary.com](mailto:faculty.office@1thesanctuary.com)

The Faculty Office  
1 The Sanctuary  
London  
SW1P 3JT

## SE

To use this expression in this form (upper or lower case) at the start or end of your proposed name, you should be a 'Societas Europaea' (European Company) as specified in European Council Regulation (EC) No 2157/200 (October 2001) and European Public Limited Liability Company Regulations 2004 (No. 2326).

## Social worker

To use this title in your proposed company or business name, an email or letter of non-objection from the relevant body is required.

### England

[registration@hcpc-uk.org](mailto:registration@hcpc-uk.org)

Registration Department  
Health and Care Professions Council  
Park House  
84 Kennington Park Road  
London  
SE11 4BU

### Wales

<mailto:info@socialcare.wales>

Social Care Wales  
South Gate House  
Wood Street  
Cardiff  
CF10 1EW

### Northern Ireland

[info@niscc.hscni.net](mailto:info@niscc.hscni.net)

Northern Ireland Social Care Council  
19-25 Great Victoria Street  
Belfast  
BT2 7AQ

### Scotland

[enquiries@sssc.uk.com](mailto:enquiries@sssc.uk.com)

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The Scottish Social Services Council  
Compass House  
11 Riverside Drive  
Dundee  
DD1 4NY

## Solicitor

### England and Wales

If you are an existing firm i.e. a sole proprietor or partnership regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) a copy of your business letterhead, which includes the statement 'regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority' is required.

If you are a new firm i.e. you do not already carry on business as a firm of solicitors, an email or letter from the SRA confirming that you are authorised to use this title is required.

### [Online contact form](#)

The Solicitors Regulation Authority  
Operations  
The Cube  
199 Wharfside Street  
Birmingham  
B1 1RN

### Northern Ireland

To use this word in your proposed company or business name, an email or letter from the relevant body, confirming you are authorised to use this title is required.

### [enquiry@lawsoc-ni.org](mailto:enquiry@lawsoc-ni.org)

The Law Society of Northern Ireland  
96 Victoria Street  
Belfast  
BT1 3GN

### Scotland

To use this word in your proposed company or business name, an email or letter from the relevant body confirming you are authorised to use this title is required.

### [lawscot@lawscot.org.uk](mailto:lawscot@lawscot.org.uk)

The Law Society of Scotland  
Atria One  
144 Morrison Street  
Edinburgh  
EH3 8EX

## Spirit in motion

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## Surgeon

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## Trade Union

The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 prohibits a trade union from being registered as a company. This expression is also specified as sensitive in Companies Act 2006 regulations.

## Vet / Veterinary / Veterinary surgeon / Veterinary practitioner

These titles are protected by The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966. To use any of them in your proposed company or business name, an email or letter of authorisation from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) is required.

[info@rcvs.org.uk](mailto:info@rcvs.org.uk)

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons  
62-64 Horseferry Rd  
London  
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