

WBL Logbook Sheet Template

Learning Outcome and example number e.g. 1.1(1), 1.2(2), 1.2(1) 1.2(2) etc.	Page numbers from portfolio
1.4(1): Undertake legal research	27-30
Evidence provided and date of evidence e.g. Letter to client dated 01.01.2020 Telephone attendance note dated 01.01.2020	
Extract from the Housing Act 1985	

Email to the client dated 01.09.2020

Explain how the example -meets the learning Outcome and how the evidence shows this

Identify a situation in which you need to undertake legal research

I was involved with a Right to Buy matter where I had served a landlord's second notice to complete under the Housing Act 1985.

This notice gave the tenant eight weeks (from the date of the notice) to complete on their purchase.

The notice period had expired and the tenant had failed to make progress in the purchase of the property. After expiry of the landlords second notice the tenant requested an extension of time.

The client emailed me asking what the councils position was in relation to the matter given that the last notice to complete had expired.

I did not know what the rules were regarding this and so I identified that I needed to carry out research in order to advise both the client and the tenant solicitors.

The sources I identified to undertake the research

I knew that Right to Buy applications were governed by the Housing Act 1985 so I identified that as the main source to find the answer to my question.

The research I undertook

I used legislation.gov.uk to bring up the act in full and read over the subheadings contained within the act. I then identified that section 141 was the most relevant.

How I applied the findings of my research to the matter

Once I identified the relevant section of the Housing Act 1985, I read its contents and was then able to advise the client that the section 141 could not be extended past the expiry date. I then wrote to the tenant's solicitors to confirm that the tenant needed to go through the Right to Buy application process again as the time period couldn't be further extended.

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Reflection and evaluation

Describe what you learnt from the activity you undertook to meet the Learning Outcome. You may want to complete this section at a later date once you have had time to reflect on your practice and experience.

Whilst I understand the general rules and procedures of carrying out certain work, I understand that every case is different and a question as to the rules or procedures may come up in which I do not know the answers to. It then becomes clear why it is so important to be able to carry out legal research. I understand that I must be able to do this and use the resources I have to be able to advise my client and/or others accurately.

Supervisor's Name	
Please print the full name of the supervisor that supervised the work referred to above within this logbook sheet and the supporting evidence.	

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That's correct the section 141 notice was served on the tenant and has since expired. This means that under the Housing Act, as the tenants did not respond to our communication or request an extension of time, their application is deemed to be withdrawn. A withdrawal memo was sent out last week.

The tenant will need to make a new application to the Council if they wish to proceed with the purchase of their home.

When contacting them I would also stress the importance of responding to the Council (including the Fraud Teams the due diligence questionnaires) in good time to avoid another lapsed application.

If you need any further information please let me know.

Kind regards,

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Sent: 01 September 2020 10:43

I have been contacted by the buyers for the above and they wish to progress their RTB application. Can you please advise on our position as I recall that the section 141 notice was served and is expired?



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