

Why does my company package look different?

The Companies Act 2006 introduced far-reaching changes in the way companies are created and administered from 1 October 2009. Clients will see these changes reflected in virtually all Jordans products and services. In many cases, we've taken the opportunity to review what we provide and refresh it where appropriate.

Our company package is no exception and you can be sure that the revised content complies fully with the requirements of the Act. You will however notice a more obvious change from the traditional green covering to blue so that Companies Act 2006 compliant registers and kits are easily distinguishable from their predecessors.

I used to get a Memorandum of Association. Where is it?

One of the main purposes of the old Memorandum was to set out the objects of the Company. Under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, companies are incorporated with unrestricted objects unless they provide otherwise in their Articles. So this is no longer required as a constitutional document. The Memorandum is now just a document filed on incorporation to indicate who the subscribers are. It does not state (for companies limited by shares) how many shares each subscriber takes.

What if I want to know how many shares the subscribers take?

You will need to check the information filed on incorporation. If formed on paper it will appear on the form IN01. Otherwise, the information would be included in the minutes of the company's first board meeting.

Please explain the changes to my company package. Where is Table A?

Table A (upon which Companies Act 1985 companies based their constitution) has been replaced by the Model Articles. There are three sets of these:

- private company limited by shares
- private company limited by guarantee
- public limited company

Your company has been formed with Jordans new articles of association, relevant to your particular company type. These articles have been settled after consultation with counsel from leading chambers and have been drafted to combine the advantages of the new model articles with a range of additional powers to provide an easy-to-follow, flexible constitution that will suit the needs of most businesses.

I used to be told where the registered office is located. Where do I find out where the registered office is located now?

This information used to be contained in the Memorandum but can now be found either on the form IN01 or by searching the Company Registry.

Any questions?

There is no space to go into the major changes that have come in nor can we take the place of legal advice on this area. However, if you do have any queries our staff are happy to help and advise you through the complex changes.