



## Execution of Documents by Companies

Following the coming into force of section 44 Companies Act 2006 on 6 April 2008, companies now have more flexibility in executing documents.

In a small but important change in the law, companies can now choose between three different methods of execution.

The two existing methods of executing a deed remain:

1. Using the company's common seal; and
2. The execution of the document as a deed by two directors or by a director and the company secretary.

However, companies can now also execute a document as a deed by one director alone, so long as that director's signature is witnessed.

This change makes it easier for companies to execute deeds where two company directors, or a director and the company secretary, are not readily available.

### Further Information

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