

Transitional entity initial risk level determination



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LAO is required by the Legal Aid Services Rules (“rules”) under LASA 2020 to determine the risk level of an entity or entity service provider before entering into a service agreement with them.

This policy applies to LAO’s initial determination of the risk level of transitional entities.

Risk level categories and determination

Before entering into a service agreement with a transitional entity, LAO must determine the risk level of the entity.

The risk level categories that may be determined with respect to a transitional entity are:

- High risk
- Low risk

If there are additional reporting and monitoring requirements set out as “Additional Terms” in Schedule C of the interim agreement of the transitional entity, the risk level of the transitional entity will be determined to be high risk.

The initial risk level of all other transitional entities will be determined to be low risk.

The risk level determination will be made by the Vice President, Clinic Law Services.

Consequences of the risk level determination

The term of the transitional entity’s service agreement is determined by the entity’s risk level pursuant to the rules. Under this policy, the following applies:

- A high risk level determination: term begins on the date on which LASA 2020 comes into force and ends on March 31, 2023;
- A low risk level determination: term begins on the date on which LASA 2020 comes into

force the agreement and ends on March 31, 2025.