

Need another word that means the same as “lawful”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “lawful” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Lawful” are: legitimate, licit, rule-governed, rightful, true, legal, just, permissible, allowable, proper, constitutional, sanctioned, authorized, justified, justifiable, approved, recognized, admissible, above board, going by the rules, law-abiding, righteous, honourable, good, decent, solid, virtuous, moral, ethical, orderly, well behaved, peacekeeping, peaceful, civilized, dutiful, duteous, obedient, compliant, disciplined

Lawful as an Adjective

Definitions of "Lawful" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “lawful” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Conforming to, permitted by, or recognized by law or rules.*
- *Having a legally established claim.*
- *Authorized, sanctioned by, or in accordance with law.*
- *According to custom or rule or natural law.*
- *(of a child) born within a lawful marriage.*
- *Conformable to or allowed by law.*



Synonyms of "Lawful" as an adjective (39 Words)

above board	Appearing earlier in the same text.
<u>admissible</u>	Deserving to be admitted. <i>Foreigners were admissible only as temporary workers.</i>
allowable	(of an amount of money) able to be earned or received free of tax. <i>The loan deal has been extended to the maximum allowable three months.</i>
approved	Established by authority; given authoritative approval. <i>Places on approved courses.</i>
authorized	Sanctioned by established authority. <i>The authorized biography.</i>

civilized	Polite and well-mannered. <i>A civilized society.</i>
compliant	Disposed to agree with others or obey rules, especially to an excessive degree; acquiescent. <i>The conversion of the gel to a much less compliant rigid glass.</i>
constitutional	Constitutional in the structure of something especially your physical makeup. <i>A constitutional weakness.</i>
decent	Decently clothed. <i>I would kill for a decent cup of coffee.</i>
disciplined	Showing a controlled form of behaviour or way of working. <i>A disciplined approach to management.</i>
dutious	Dutiful. <i>Patient Griselda was a chaste and dutious wife.</i>
dutiful	Willingly obedient out of a sense of duty and respect. <i>A dutiful child.</i>
ethical	Adhering to ethical and moral principles. <i>An ethical problem.</i>
going by the rules	In full operation.
good	Not left to spoil. <i>A good check.</i>
honourable	(of the intentions of a man courting a woman) directed towards marriage. <i>This is the only honourable course.</i>
just	Of an opinion or appraisal well founded justifiable. <i>A just reward.</i>
justifiable	Able to be shown to be right or reasonable; defensible. <i>Their justifiable fears.</i>
justified	Having words so spaced that lines have straight even margins. <i>A neatly justified list of names.</i>
law-abiding	Adhering strictly to laws and rules and customs.
legal	Relating to theological legalism. <i>A legal requirement.</i>
legitimate	Based on known statements or events or conditions. <i>A legitimate male heir.</i>
licit	Authorized, sanctioned by, or in accordance with law. <i>Usage patterns differ between licit and illicit drugs.</i>

moral	Concerned with principles of right and wrong or conforming to standards of behavior and character based on those principles. <i>The moral dimensions of medical intervention.</i>
<u>obedient</u>	Dutifully complying with the commands or instructions of those in authority. <i>An obedient soldier.</i>
orderly	Clean or organized. <i>An orderly arrangement of objects.</i>
peaceful	Peacefully resistant in response to injustice. <i>She said her dad was a peaceful man who was always happy.</i>
peacekeeping	(especially of an international military force) actively working to stop or prevent conflict between nations or communities. <i>The 2 300 strong UN peacekeeping force.</i>
permissible	That may be permitted especially as according to rule. <i>A kind of speculation that was permissible in cosmology but inadmissible in medicine.</i>
proper	Denoting something that is truly what it is said or regarded to be; genuine. <i>The two elephant types proper to Africa and to southern Asia.</i>
recognized	Generally approved or compelling recognition. <i>A recognized authority.</i>
<u>righteous</u>	Morally justified. <i>He is righteous trash.</i>
rightful	Legally valid. <i>A rightful inheritance.</i>
rule-governed	According to custom or rule or natural law.
sanctioned	Conforming to orthodox or recognized rules.
<u>solid</u>	Of good quality and condition solidly built. <i>Solid gold.</i>
true	Of a compass bearing measured relative to true north. <i>We believe in true love.</i>
<u>virtuous</u>	Chaste (typically used of a woman). <i>She considered herself very virtuous because she neither drank nor smoked.</i>
well behaved	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.



Usage Examples of "Lawful" as an adjective

- *The true and lawful king.*
- *It is an offence to carry a weapon in public without lawful authority.*
- *Lawful methods of dissent.*



Associations of "Lawful" (30 Words)

- approved** Officially agreed or accepted as satisfactory.
*A list of **approved** candidates.*
- authenticated** Established as genuine.
- authorized** Sanctioned by established authority.
***Authorized** access to the computer.*
- constitutional** Constitutional in the structure of something especially your physical makeup.
*A **constitutional** monarchy.*
- defendant** A person or institution against whom an action is brought in a court of law; the person being sued or accused.
*The **defendant** tried to claim that it was self defence.*

enabling	Providing legal power or sanction. <i>Enabling power.</i>
judge	Put on trial or hear a case and sit as the judge at the trial of. <i>Other cases were judged by tribunal.</i>
judicial	Relating to the administration of justice or the function of a judge. <i>A biography appreciative and yet judicial in purpose.</i>
jurisdiction	A system of law courts; a judicature. <i>The claim will be within the jurisdiction of the industrial tribunal.</i>
justifiable	Able to be shown to be right or reasonable; defensible. <i>It is not financially justifiable.</i>
justification	A statement in explanation of some action or belief. <i>All these incidents were used again as a justification for my sacking.</i>
lawgiver	A maker of laws; someone who gives a code of laws. <i>The monarch was supreme executive lawgiver judge and warrior.</i>
lawyer	Of a lawyer work on the legal aspects of a contract lawsuit etc. <i>Lawyering is a craft that takes a long time to become proficient at.</i>
legal	Relating to theological legalism. <i>A legal requirement.</i>
legality	Lawfulness by virtue of conformity to a legal statute. <i>Documentation testifying to the legality of the arms sale.</i>
legalize	Make legal. <i>The Swiss parliament legalized cannabis.</i>
legislator	A person who makes laws; a member of a legislative body. <i>24 incumbent legislators lost their seats.</i>
legitimacy	Undisputed credibility. <i>Refusal to recognize the legitimacy of both governments.</i>
legitimate	Show or affirm to be just and legitimate. <i>A legitimate excuse for being late.</i>
legitimately	In a way that can be defended with logic or justification; fairly. <i>They can prove that the funds were acquired legitimately.</i>
legitimize	Make legal. <i>Voters legitimize the government through the election of public officials.</i>
licit	Not forbidden; lawful. <i>Usage patterns differ between licit and illicit drugs.</i>
matrimony	The state of being a married couple voluntarily joined for life (or until divorce). <i>The joys of matrimony.</i>

polygamy	A pattern of mating in which an animal has more than one mate.
rational	Consistent with or based on or using reason. Rational numbers.
rationalize	Reorganize (a process or system) so as to make it more logical and consistent. <i>She couldn't rationalize her urge to return to the cottage.</i>
reasonable	Based on good sense. <i>The carpet is in reasonable condition.</i>
rightful	Legitimately claimed; fitting. <i>The rightful owner of the jewels.</i>
statutory	Prescribed or authorized by or punishable under a statute. <i>The statutory Christmas phone call to his mother.</i>
valid	(of an argument or point) having a sound basis in logic or fact; reasonable or cogent. <i>A valid inference.</i>

