

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)

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| 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> |

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| 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> |
| duteous | Dutiful. <i>Patient Griselda was a chaste and duteous 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> |

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| 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.*

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| 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> |

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| 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> |

