

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.*

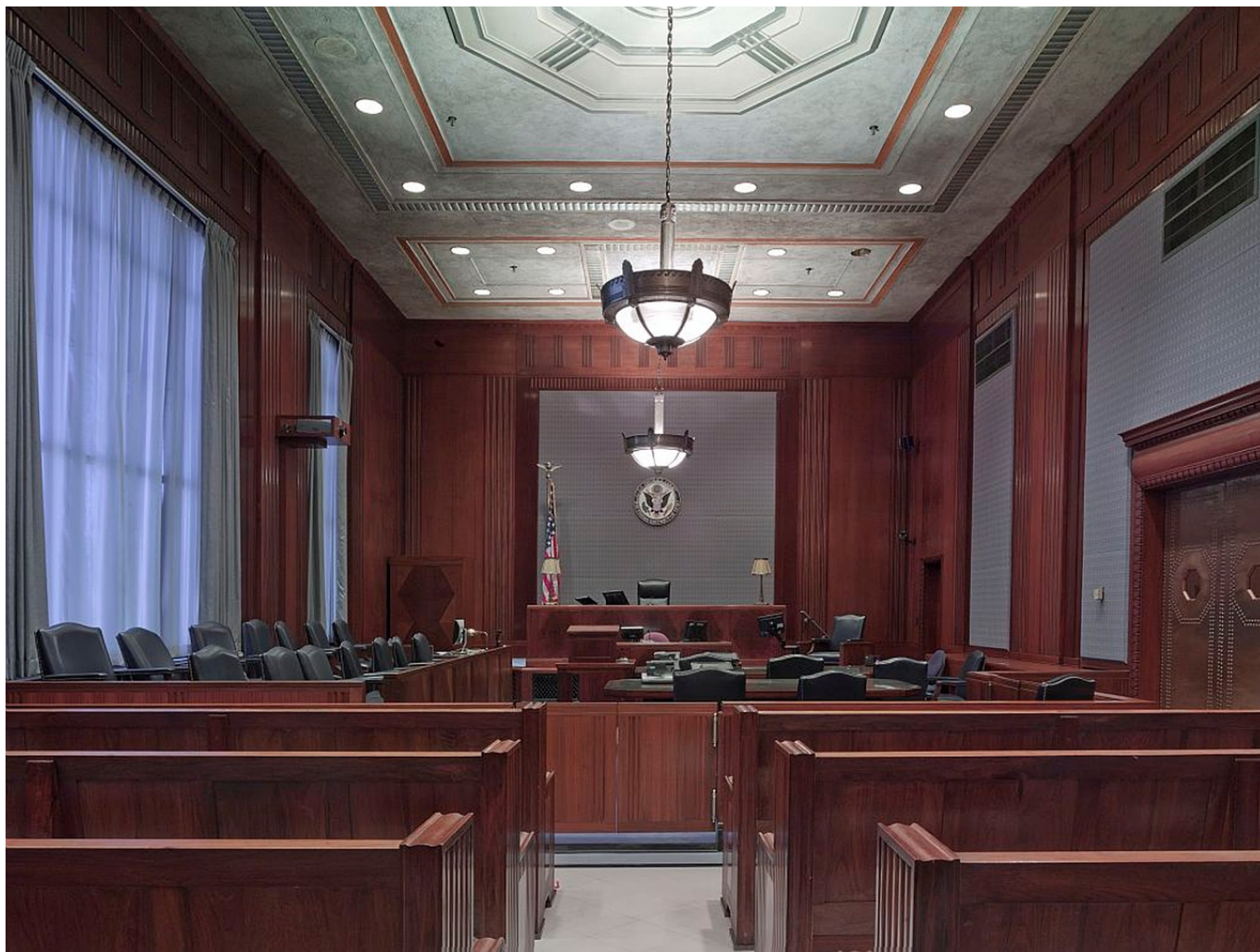


## Synonyms of "Lawful" as an adjective (39 Words)

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

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

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

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

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

