

# Information for International Enquirers

## Graduate Diploma in Law (Common Professional Examination)

The [Graduate Diploma in Law \(Common Professional Examination\)](#) is recognised by many overseas professional bodies, e.g. Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

It is a one-year, full-time law conversion course for graduates of any subject. Upon graduation, you can go on to study the one-year Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) to qualify as a barrister or the one-year [Legal Practice Course \(LPC\)](#) to qualify as a solicitor.

### Admission requirements

- Bachelor's degree in any subject from the UK or Ireland.
- Students with an overseas degree have to apply to either the [Solicitors Regulation Authority](#) or the [Bar Standards Board](#) for a Certificate of Academic Standing. A certificate will only be issued if the applicant's degree is deemed equivalent to a UK Bachelor's degree. The Bar Standards Board will only issue a Certificate if the overseas degree is at least to the standard of a second class honours.
- English Language proficiency IELTS 6.5 or equivalent

### Applications

Applications for the Graduate Diploma in Law must be made **online** through the [Central Applications Board \(CAB\)](#).

Intending solicitors who hold an overseas degree must obtain a Certificate of Academic Standing from the [Solicitors Regulation Authority](#) (SRA). It will only issue the certificate if your overseas degree is at least equivalent to a UK Bachelor's degree. To obtain a Certificate of Academic Standing from the SRA, email [cau@sra.org.uk](mailto:cau@sra.org.uk)

Intending barristers who hold an overseas degree must obtain a Certificate of Academic Standing from the [Bar Standards Board](#) (BSB). The BSB will only issue the certificate if the overseas degree is at least equivalent to a UK second class honours degree. To obtain a Certificate of Academic Standing from the BSB, email [SBehr@barstandardsboard.org.uk](mailto:SBehr@barstandardsboard.org.uk)

NB: If you intend to undertake the Bar Professional Training Course upon completion of the Graduate Diploma in Law it is **essential** that a Certificate of Academic Standing is obtained from the BSB and **not** the SRA.