

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF LAW

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL PRACTICE

Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Admission

For Postgraduate Diploma:

1. This Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice is designed as the professional qualification for Law graduates and others who wish to enter the Solicitor branch of the legal profession in Scotland and satisfies the requirements of the Law Society of Scotland's Professional Education and Training Stage 1 (PEAT 1).
2. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#), applicants shall possess:
 - i. an LLB of a Scottish university; or
 - ii. a qualification deemed by the Head of School/Programme Director acting on behalf of the Senate to be equivalent to (i) above.
3. In addition, applicants shall have passed or obtained exemption from the professional examinations of The Law Society of Scotland in those subjects required by it in terms of The Admissions as Solicitor (Scotland) Regulations (1986).
4. In all cases, applicants whose first language is not English, shall be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of English.

Duration of Study

5. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

Mode of Study

6. The Postgraduate Diploma is available by full-time and part-time study.

Curriculum

7. All students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:

Compulsory Modules

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
M9801	Business and Financial Awareness	5	10
M9802	Civil Litigation	5	10
M9814	Personal Injury Claim Handling	5	10
M9815	Professional Practice and Ethics	5	10

M9817	Private Client	5	10
M9819	Conveyancing	5	10
M9820	Criminal Litigation	5	10

Optional Modules

No fewer than 50 credits chosen from:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
M9800	Advanced Private Client	5	10
M9803	Advanced Criminal Advocacy	5	10
M9804	Commercial Conveyancing	5	10
M9805	Company Law	5	10
M9806	Commercial Contracts and Intellectual Property	5	10
M9807	Family Business	5	10
M9813	Family Law	5	10
M9816	Practical Public Administration	5	10
M9818	Work-Based Learning in a Legal Environment	5	10
M9817	Employment Law	5	10
M9827	Business Accounting for Legal Professionals	5	10
M9828	Mediation and Mediation Advocacy	5	10
M9893	Project Management for Lawyers	5	10
M9889	General Practice – Problem-based Learning	5	10
M9891	Advanced Civil Advocacy	5	10

Progress

8. Progress may be dependent on satisfactory performance against prescribed criteria in the earlier part of the course.
9. Progress to the second year of part-time study will be permitted if a student obtains at least 40 credits.

10. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#), the Board of Examiners may exceptionally, in the light of their overall performance, permit a student who satisfies the attendance and performance requirements of a module a maximum of two further attempt at passing the module. The attempt shall normally be made at the next available formal assessment period. The Board of Examiners may additionally require a student to reattend the module.
11. The final assessment will be based on performance in the examinations and coursework.

Award

12. **Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 120 credits from the course curriculum of which 70 must have been awarded in respect of the compulsory curriculum and 50 must have been awarded in respect of the optional curriculum.