

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS

CHANGES TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLMENT ON THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/12 AND THEREAFTER

Students should be aware that, from the academic year 2011/12, the criteria for eligibility to enroll on the Professional Practice Course has changed.

This will affect all students graduating in July 2011 and thereafter.

These changes have been approved by the Legal Advisory Council and the Governor in Cabinet and are shortly to be gazetted.

The requirements for enrollment on the PPC from September 2011 are as follows:

The applicant must:

- (a) possess Caymanian status within the meaning of the Immigration Law (2007 Revision) (or, if he does not possess that status he has obtained the written consent of the Governor in Cabinet); and**
- (b) have obtained**
 - (i) the University of Liverpool LLB (Hons) degree or**
 - (ii) a qualification which, in the opinion of the Council, is equivalent to the Law Degree.**

In addition (the changes), the law degree must:

**Be a minimum of a Lower Second Class Degree¹ AND
Be a Cayman Qualifying Law Degree (CQLD)²**

A Cayman Qualifying Law Degree (CQLD) is one in which the holder of the Law Degree has studied and passed the six foundations subjects, namely,

- (i) Criminal Law**
- (ii) Equity and Trusts**
- (iii) Obligations 1 (Contract)**
- (iv) Obligations 2 (Tort)**

¹ If the applicant's Law Degree or equivalent qualification does not meet the classification requirement set out this rule then the Legal Advisory Council may nonetheless exceptionally permit the applicant to enroll on the PPC upon being satisfied that the applicant has otherwise demonstrated academic suitability for enrolment on such course

² An applicant who does not have nor is deemed to hold a Cayman Qualifying Law Degree under these regulations, shall nonetheless be permitted to enroll on the PPC upon the Legal Advisory Council being satisfied that the applicant's qualification is equivalent to the Cayman Qualifying Law Degree.

- (v) Property/Land Law
- (vi) Public Law (Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Human Rights Law)

The holder of the Law Degree must have passed each foundation subject in no more than three attempts **AND**

In the case of a full-time Law Degree, the holder completed the course leading to such degree in no more than four years or, in the case of a part time Law Degree the holder completed the course leading to such degree in no more than six years.³

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The importance of these changes are, that, in order to enroll on the PPC from 2011 onwards:

- you must obtain a minimum of a **Lower Second Class Law Degree (2:2) AND**
- you must obtain the degree within four years (FT) or six years (PT) unless you can demonstrate exceptional circumstances why you took longer **AND**
- if you fail a foundation subject you will have to re-sit that subject and pass it (within 3 attempts) in order to obtain the requisite CQLD and enroll on the PPC. This is a rule that has applied for enrollment on the LPC and BPTC for many years and brings the PPC in line with that requirement.

³ (provided that the Legal Advisory Council may waive this requirement upon being satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated exceptional circumstances which would justify, in the opinion of the Council, completion of the Law Degree in a period that exceeds the maximum prescribed in this regulation.)