

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

STRATHCLYDE LAW SCHOOL

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 |

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| 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 |
| 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 programme.
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 award 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 programme 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.