



Recognition of a Law Degrees or other Legal Qualifications obtained outside England and Wales

2024

Universal Requirements for candidates with law degrees or other legal qualifications obtained outside of England and Wales. Including cross qualifying lawyers seeking to obtain an individual licence from the CLC.

The CLCs qualifying exam consists of the Conveyancing or Probate Law and Practice Diploma Level 4 and 6.

Candidates with a law degree or qualified lawyers seeking to also obtain a CLC Licence may be able to transfer directly onto the Level 6 when they can demonstrate that their legal qualifications have equivalent outcomes to those tested in the CLC qualifying exam. The CLC operates an exemption policy to cover these circumstances. All candidates must comply with the [standard exemption policy](#).

However, to be entitled to exemption from any units on the Conveyancing or Probate Law and Practice Diploma Level 4, candidates who have achieved a Law Degree or other legal qualifications outside England and Wales, must demonstrate that the legal qualification they obtained was based on a jurisdiction derived from English Common Law. Candidates must provide this information to the CLC and/or an SQA approved Training Provider to claim exemption and provide this evidence with their licence application.

In instances when a candidate is not able to demonstrate this, the CLC will consider that their legal qualifications are 'substantially different' to its professional qualifications and those which are essential knowledge, or skills required to practise as a CLC lawyer in England and Wales.

Qualifying Work Experience

All Licence applicants including first qualifying and cross qualifying lawyers must also complete and submit with their application a **Statement of Practical Experience (SoPE)**, for 1200 hours work experience gained in a relevant workplace setting.

Please see the CLC Qualifying Work Experience requirements [HERE](#).