

How to become an Australian Lawyer

Australian law degrees

- › Complete an Australian law degree (LLB) or Juris Doctor (JD).

Complete LLB or JD

- › Complete a recognised Practical Legal Training Course (such as the Leo Cussen PLT), or equivalent.

Practice Legal Training (PLT)

- › Apply to be admitted within your Australian state.
- › The requirements for admission are slightly different in each state.
- › You must satisfy the admitting authority that you are a 'fit and proper' person'. This involves disclosing certain things, such as fines and offences.

Apply for Admission

Get Admitted

Apply for Practising Certificate

Overseas law degrees

Seek an Assessment

- › Contact the admitting authority in the Australian state where you wish to practise.
- › The admitting authority will assess your overseas qualification, and inform you of any additional study you must complete through an Australian institution.

Complete University Subjects + PLT

- › The admitting authority may require you to complete a number of university subjects.
- › You may also be required to complete a Practical Legal Training (PLT) course, such as the Leo Cussen PLT.

- › You will attend the Supreme Court for your admission ceremony, and will be admitted as an Australian lawyer.

- › Once you are admitted, before you can practise as a lawyer you must apply for a practising certificate.
- › As a new lawyer, you will initially hold a 'restricted practising certificate' which requires you to be supervised by an experienced lawyer for a period of time.