How to become an Australian Lawyer

Australian law degrees

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

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

› 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.

Overseas law degrees

› 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.

› 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.