

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.

Complete LLB or JD

Practice Legal Training (PLT)

Apply for Admission

Get Admitted

Apply for Practising Certificate

Overseas law degrees

Seek an Assessment

Complete University Subjects + PLT

- › 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.

Admission ceremonies may be effected by Covid-19 restrictions. In these circumstances, admissions have occurred on the papers.

- › 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.