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PVT SCHOOL FOR LEGAL PRACTICE

Practical Legal Training Course



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1 ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The PVT School, established by the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) and implemented via its Legal Education and Development division (LEAD), provides a postgraduate vocational training course for law graduates and is registered by SAQA and accredited by the LPC.

Please note that the School is discretionary in nature. Its focus is to provide all candidate legal practitioners who are unable to secure practical vocational training (PVT) contracts with enhanced and best-practice practical legal skills training. This will equip candidates to be more proficient in legal practice, thereby increasing their chances of access to the legal profession by attaining a PVT contract. The School is open for candidates who want to be registered as legal practitioners (attorneys or advocates). Candidates in PVT contracts can register with a Night School. The minimum training requirement for a candidate in a PVT contract is the 21-days PVT short course. There is a separate online programme specifically for advocates.

Admission as a legal practitioner is subject to the Rules of the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014 (LPA). Candidates are advised to confirm the criteria. Please visit the Legal Practice Council (LPC) website at www.LPC.org.za or contact the regional LPC office.

PVT Schools are available at ten campuses. These are situated in: Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Durban, East London, Johannesburg, Polokwane, Port Elizabeth, Potchefstroom, Pretoria and Venda. This is a minimum four-month attendance course. In addition, the LSSA offers a distance School in conjunction with the University of South Africa (UNISA); this is a minimum five-month course. Click here for the contact details for all the Schools.

LLB graduates who successfully complete the course qualify to reduce their PVT contract period by 12-months should they wish to be admitted as attorneys. Those who want to be admitted as advocates only require a 12-month PVT contract, and no reduction is applicable.

A limited number of places are available at each campus, and applicants go through a selection process before being accepted (refer to item 8 for key selection criteria). Therefore, the attached application form does not guarantee acceptance. A formal acceptance letter will be sent, where an application is successful.

Subject to adequate applications, registrations and capacity, the LSSA may open a third School in the final trimester (September to December) at the ten attendance Schools or an additional course at the LSSA-UNISA Distance Learning School (July to December).

2 OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE

To allow law graduates to acquire and develop practical legal skills to become effective legal practitioners. Training is provided by practising legal practitioners.

The primary benefit of attending the course is that law graduates gain a full spectrum of skills and knowledge, which they may not gain as candidate legal practitioners during their period of service under a PVT contract. As an ancillary outcome, candidates are trained in preparation for the competency-based admission examinations written by candidate legal practitioners intending to practice as an attorney.

3 ATTENDANCE AND AFTER-HOURS COURSE (EXCLUDES LSSA-UNISA DISTANCE LEARNING SCHOOL)

Depending on the campus, the course is offered during the day (Day School) and/or after-hours (Night School); the Night School accommodates applicants who are employed during the day.

4 NATURE OF STUDY

The School course consists of modules as prescribed by the regulations as per the LPA (as amended). Training is practice-orientated to ensure that candidates can perform most tasks at entry-level with minimal supervision once they have completed the course.

Candidates are trained in a practical context, in a simulated law firm environment. Each candidate is allocated to a 'law firm'. Moot courts and practical work form the foundation of the training activities. Candidates exchange pleadings and draft the necessary court papers in action and application proceedings.

5 MODULES

The programme is standardised and uniform throughout South Africa and is based on experiential training defined as 'notional hours'. Regulation 6 of the LPA is for candidates who want to be admitted as attorneys. Regulation 7 is for candidates who want to be admitted as advocates, for which there is a separate programme.

Please click here (www.LSSALEAD.org.za/regulations-subject-comparisons/) to view the subjects included in the regulations.

6 INSTRUCTION

The medium of instruction is English.

7 SCHOOL HOURS (EXCLUDING LSSA-UNISA DISTANCING LEARNING SCHOOL)

Day School:	Night School:
Monday to Friday, 08:15 – 16:00 and certain Saturdays from 08:30 – 13:30.	Monday to Friday, 17:00 – 21:00 and certain Saturdays from 08:30 – 13:30.

8 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION

- 8.1 Consideration will be given to candidates –
- who have completed the LLB degree at a South African university;
 - who have been awarded a South African BProc degree; or
 - who have completed a law degree in another country, which is equivalent to the South African LLB degree and recognised by SAQA as **equivalent**.
 - Non-SA citizens must attach a study permit valid for the duration of training.
 - **NB: Confirmation of foreign accreditation by SAQA is the responsibility of the applicant.**
- 8.2 A selection committee will consider the applications. The committee may require applicants to attend interviews.
- 8.3 Due to the large number of applications, preferences will be given to applicants who reside within the School's region.
- 8.4 *Non-SA Citizens must please note the requirements of the LPA regarding admission to practice for non-SA Citizens.*

9 DATES

The School's Advisory Committee reserves the right to change dates and/or cancel any course if the number of applicants or registrations is not sufficient. Applicants will be given adequate notice of cancellation.

9 DATES CONTINUED*

- **Intake 1 (Day and Night)**
January 2027 – April 2027
Closing date for Applications: 31 October 2026
- **Intake 2 (Day and Night)**
May 2027 – August 2027
Closing date for Applications: 28 February 2027.
- **Intake 3 (Day and Night)**
September 2027 – December 2027
Closing date for Applications: 30 May 2027

Note: Please note that the closing date(s) for individual PVT Schools may be extended depending on the circumstances. Please contact the relevant School directly for further information.

10 TUITION FEE

R21 450 (including 15% VAT).

If your application is successful, the fee must be paid in full before the course commences. – 50% deposit on acceptance and the balance to be paid before the programme commences.

Should you require a payment plan please contact the relevant School. A payment plan requires a 50% deposit by no later than 30 days before the commencement of the course (or as directed by the relevant School), with the balance payable in three instalments before the end of the programme; the first instalment to be paid within 30 days of the commencement of the programme.

11 CANDIDATE EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATION

- 11.1 A student's progress is monitored throughout the duration of the course.
- 11.2 Preparation and participation are of paramount importance to complete the programme successfully. Candidates are expected to be proficient in knowledge of the substantive law prior to attending the programme. Due to severe time constraints, candidates are expected to do independent self-study prior to attending lectures, where applicable.
- 11.3. Formative and summative assessments will be conducted.
- 11.4 For the attendance Schools, a minimum of 50% per summative assessment and full attendance is required to complete the programme successfully.
- 11.5 For the UNISA Distance School, a minimum of 50% per summative assessment and assignments is required to complete the programme successfully.

12 DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED

To be considered for the course, applicants must submit the following documents with their application forms –

- 12.1 a certified copy of the applicant's South African identity document; and
- 12.2 proof of law degree –
 - a certified copy of the applicant's LLB degree from a South African university or an original letter from the Dean of Law of the University concerned, stating that the student has completed their LLB degree in the current year; alternatively, will have no more than two modules outstanding by the time the School commences; or
 - a certified copy of the applicant's BProc degree; or
 - a certified copy of written proof of a completed law degree in another country, which SAQA recognises as an equivalent to the South African LLB degree, and a certified copy of written proof of such recognition by SAQA.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE COURSE

Kindly note that you can only apply online and that there are limited places available. Candidates must apply individually (one application per applicant).

STEP 1:

CLICK ON THE RELEVANT CAMPUS LINK TO APPLY ONLINE. The link will take you to the relevant campus application form. Please ensure that you apply at the correct Campus.

STEP 2:

Ensure you have all relevant documentation saved. This information will need to be uploaded on the 'online application' form. It is your responsibility to ensure that the application is completed correctly, and that the correct supporting documentation is attached.

Confirmation e-mail:

Once you have successfully applied, you will receive confirmation that the school has received your online application and documentation.

Further communication

You will receive correspondence from the relevant course coordinator before the commencement of the course, if your application has been successful. The correspondence will contain all registration links and programme details.

APPLICATION FORM: PVT SCHOOL FOR LEGAL PRACTICE 2027



ONLY submit the application form when applying. Please complete this form and submit it to the campus of your choice by post, e-mail or hand delivery. The LSSA reserves the right to change dates for the school.

APPLICANT NAME AND SURNAME

APPLICANT ID NUMBER

Note: Please select your campus of choice and intake with an 'x'.

* The Schools may include a third intake in 2027, subject to a minimum number of applications and registrations; please enquire directly from the School Centre concerned.

CAMPUS	BLOEMFONTEIN	CAPE TOWN*	DURBAN*	EAST LONDON*	JOHANNESBURG*
INTAKES	NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐	DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐	DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐	DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐	DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 1 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐ NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 3 ☐
APPLY	CLICK HERE TO APPLY	CLICK HERE TO APPLY (DAY) CLICK HERE TO APPLY (NIGHT)	CLICK HERE TO APPLY	CLICK HERE TO APPLY	CLICK HERE TO APPLY
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	DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐	NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐	NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐	DAY SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐	NIGHT SCHOOL INTAKE 2 ☐
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