

Information

The Law Society
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Qualification Examination

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What is the qualification examination?

The qualification examination is designed to ensure that you know the law, practice and procedures in the core areas of practice, and can apply that knowledge to solve a client's problems.

What subject areas does the examination cover?

The examination is broken into two parts: the Barrister covers barristers' work and Solicitor covers solicitors' work. Each part is three hours in length. You must achieve a minimum of 60 per cent on each qualification examination to pass.

The subject areas covered and the assigned corresponding marks for each are as follows:

Barrister		Solicitor	
Practice Management	10 marks	Practice Management	10 marks
Civil	30 marks	Business	30 marks
Criminal Procedure	30 marks	Real Estate	30 marks
Family	30 marks	Wills	30 marks
Ethics and Introduction to Indigenous Law	<i>included throughout</i>	Ethics and Introduction to Indigenous Law	<i>included throughout</i>

Study materials available and examination preparation

The qualification exam is primarily based on the Professional Legal Training Course *Practice Material*.

You can purchase a printed copy of the *Practice Material* by completing the [PLTC Practice Material Order Form](#). An online version of the *Practice Material* is also available online and can be accessed for free: [Practice Material](#).

You will receive a reading list that identifies the portions of the *Practice Material* that are examinable. The following are also examinable:

- the *Legal Profession Act*, the Law Society Rules and the *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia* (all of which are contained in the Law Society *Member's Manual*); and
- sections of the statutory material that are frequently referred to in the *Practice Material* (you will not be examined on an entire statute, but you should know the key provisions that are referred to in your *Practice Material* readings).

The examinations are open book. You may use the *Practice Material*, the *Member's Manual*, your own notes, summaries or indices, and any relevant statutes.

If wish to prepare by completing a Sample Examination, please send an email to PLTC at pltc@lsbc.org with the subject line "Sample Exam Request."

Where and when can I write the qualification examination?

Once you have been advised that you must successfully complete the qualification examination as a condition of returning to practice, please contact the Law Society to make arrangements to write the examination.

The examinations may be written at any time, but the two examinations must be written within two weeks of each other. The cost of writing both parts of the examination is \$341.25 (\$325 plus GST).

Can I re-write the examinations if I fail?

If you fail one or both examinations on your first attempt, you may re-write at any time. Arrangements can be made to review your failed examination(s) and re-reads of a failed examination is available. If you are still unsuccessful on the second attempt, you can either seek permission from the Credentials Committee for a third re-write or wait one year before re-writing both examinations.

How can I obtain more information?

If you have any questions about the qualification examination, please contact:

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