



Summary of Decision

The following table is a high level summary of the decision of the Legal Services Board (LSB). It is not a formal part of the decision notice.

Purpose of notice
To grant in full the application from CILEx Regulation for approval of changes to its regulatory arrangements removing from its qualifications Exemptions Policy the requirement for alternative law qualifications to have been completed within seven years from the date of application for the exemption (the “Seven-Year Rule”).
Alterations that are being approved by this decision
Removal of all references in the CILEx Regulation qualifications Exemptions Policy to the Seven-Year Rule.
Why the LSB is approving the application
The LSB has considered the application against the criteria in paragraph 25(3) of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 and sees no reason to refuse this application.

Decision notice

Issued by the Legal Services Board under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the “Act”)

CILEx Regulation application for approval of changes to its regulatory arrangements in respect of its qualifications Exemptions Policy

1. The Legal Services Board (“**LSB**”) has granted in full an application from CILEx Regulation approving alterations to its regulatory arrangements in respect of its qualifications Exemptions Policy. The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (“**CILEx**”) is an approved regulator and CILEx Regulation is the regulatory arm to which CILEx has delegated its regulatory functions.
2. This decision notice sets out the decision taken, including a brief description of the alterations. The notes at the end of this notice explain the statutory basis for the decision. The chronology for the LSB’s handling of this application is set out at the end of this decision notice.

Background

3. The CILEx Regulation Exemptions Policy sets out the criteria, process and procedure through which holders of other (non-CILEx Regulation) qualifications can apply for an exemption from a module or unit of CILEx qualifications. For most of these other qualifications, one of the criteria for exemption is that it must have been successfully completed within seven years of the date of application for the exemption (the “Seven-Year Rule”). The Seven-Year Rule had been included in the policy on the basis that the knowledge necessary to achieve the qualification would become stale, and could not be relied upon to support a future qualification by CILEx.
4. There are three exceptions to the Seven-Year Rule: CILEx’s own qualification units; the Legal Practice Course; and the Bar Professional Training Course, all of which are treated as having no expiry date.

Proposed changes

5. The proposed changes are to remove all references to the Seven-Year Rule in the qualifications Exemptions Policy:

Section 4: The types of exemption

- Listed exemptions
- Unlisted exemptions
- Institutional exemptions

Section 5: Criteria and Guidance

- Listed exemptions

- Unlisted exemptions
- Institutional exemptions - Criteria for applicants applying for an institutional exemption
- Alternative qualifications providing entry to membership – Associate membership criteria
- Alternative qualifications providing entry to membership - Graduate Membership Criteria

Appendix 1 to the Exemptions Policy - CILEx table of listed exemptions and alternative qualifications for admission to membership

Appendix 2 – Application for a listed exemption

Appendix 3 – Application for an unlisted exemption

Key issues considered in the assessment of the application

6. The LSB welcomes CILEx Regulation's objective to remove unnecessary red tape and acknowledges its rationale for doing so; that continuing the Seven-Year Rule is not supported by evidence, that there are already exceptions to the rule and that seven years is an arbitrary period of time. The LSB is also reassured by the mechanisms for safeguarding standards that are referred to in the application, such as that applicants for CILEx Fellowship must first complete work based learning. In addition, all CILEx members, from Associate onwards, must complete their compulsory annual continuous professional development.
7. In assessing the application, the LSB considered whether CILEx Regulation had in place mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing how well CILEx (that administers the policy) delivers it. The Protocols between CILEx Regulation and CILEx require that the CILEx Qualifications Team produces an annual report to CILEx Regulation, which, amongst other matters, includes information about its activity. In addition, the Qualifications Team report to CILEx Regulation on any issues as they arise, which are then reported to and overseen by its Board. The LSB is reassured that the Protocols provide CILEx Regulation with a sufficient oversight mechanism to ensure that qualifications standards are maintained.

Decision

8. The LSB has considered the application against the criteria in paragraph 25(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act. It considers that there is no reason to refuse this application; accordingly, the application is granted.
9. The Annex to this decision notice contains the specific amendments to CILEx Regulation's regulatory arrangements approved by the LSB.

Chronology

- The LSB confirmed receipt of an application from the SRA on 24 November 2015.
- The 28 day initial decision period for considering the application ends on 21 December 2015.

- This decision notice is effective from 16 December 2015.
- The decision notice will be published on our website on 16 December 2015.

Richard Moriarty, Chief Executive
Acting under delegated authority granted by the Board of the Legal Services Board
16 December 2015

Notes:

1. The LSB is required by Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Act to review and grant or refuse applications by approved regulators to make alterations to their regulatory arrangements.
2. Paragraph 25(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act explains that the LSB may refuse an application setting out a proposed change to the regulatory arrangements only if it is satisfied that
 - (a) granting the application would be prejudicial to the regulatory objectives
 - (b) granting the application would be contrary to any provision made by or by virtue of this Act or any other enactment or would result in any of the designation requirements ceasing to be satisfied in relation to the approved regulator
 - (c) granting the application would be contrary to the public interest
 - (d) the alteration would enable the approved regulator to authorise persons to carry on activities which are reserved legal activities in relation to which it is not a relevant approved regulator
 - (e) the alteration would enable the approved regulator to license persons under Part 5 [of the Act] to carry on activities which are reserved legal activities in relation to which it is not a licensing authority, or
 - (f) the alteration has been or is likely to be made otherwise than in accordance with the procedures (whether statutory or otherwise) which apply in relation to the making of the alteration.
3. The designation requirements referred to in paragraph 2(b) above are set out in paragraph 25(4) of Schedule 4 to the Act and are
 - (a) a requirement that the approved regulator has appropriate internal governance arrangements in place
 - (b) a requirement that the applicant is competent, and has sufficient resources to perform the role of approved regulator in relation to the reserved legal activities in respect of which it is designated, and
 - (c) the requirements set out in paragraphs 13(2)(c) to (e) of Schedule 4, namely that the regulatory arrangements are appropriate, comply with the requirements in respect of resolution of regulatory conflict (imposed by sections 52 and 54 of the Act) and comply with the requirements in relation to the handling of complaints (imposed by sections 112 and 145 of the Act).
4. In accordance with paragraphs 20(1) and 23(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the LSB has made rules¹ about the manner and form in which applications to alter regulatory arrangements must be made. Amongst other things, the rules highlight the applicant's obligations under section 28 of the Act to have regard to the Better Regulation Principles. They also require applicants to provide information about each proposed change and details of the consultation undertaken.
5. If the LSB is not satisfied that one or more of the criteria for refusal are met, then it must approve the application in whole, or the parts of it that can be approved.

¹ Rules for Rule Change Applications – Version 2 (November 2010)

Annex – Rules the LSB is approving

Exemptions Policy for CILEx Professional and Legal Services qualifications and for admission to Associate or Graduate Membership

1) The purpose of the policy

CILEx believes in widening access to the legal profession and in providing the opportunity for a CILEx legal education for all through the recognition of non-CILEx qualification achievement.

CILEx also recognises that non-CILEx qualification achievement offered as comparable to CILEx qualifications must be appropriately scrutinised to ensure that any approved exemptions are robust and consistent.

Because CILEx's Professional qualifications are subject to section 21 Legal Services Act 2007, regarding regulation of reserved legal activity, it is important that exemptions offered by CILEx in relation to its Professional and Legal Services qualifications are approved and overseen in a manner that ensures transparency and meets the requirements of the regulatory authority.

This policy is designed to ensure that the criteria, processes and procedures involved in awarding exemptions reflect a coherent approach based on consistency, flexibility and rigour.

2) The scope of the policy

This policy applies to all exemptions administered and authorised by CILEx.

3) The definition of an exemption

An exemption is where a learner who has successfully completed an external qualification containing a module or unit with the same unit content as that of a CILEx unit, may be 'exempted' from having to achieve that CILEx unit in their studies with CILEx.

In order to be awarded an exemption certain conditions must be met:

- (i) the learner must provide CILEx with evidence of having achieved a full, completed qualification; single modules or units of a non-completed qualification will not be considered for exemption
- (ii) the minimum that a learner can claim exemption for is a single CILEx unit; exemption cannot be claimed for a part of a unit
- (iii) if an exemption is granted, the learner is not awarded the CILEx unit from which they are 'exempted'
- (iv) no exemptions are awarded for work experience.

Alternatively, in the case of application for Associate or Graduate membership, an applicant may apply to be accepted into membership by virtue of holding alternative qualifications. At present these alternative qualifications are:

For Associate Membership:

Qualifying Law Degree or CPE/GDL

For Graduate Membership:

The Legal Practice Course

The Bar Professional Training Course

An approved Embedded Graduate Fast Track Degree

4) The types of exemption

There are three types of CILEx exemptions:

- Listed exemptions*
- Unlisted exemptions
- Institutional exemptions

In addition, there is a list of alternative qualifications, which do not provide exemption from CILEx units, but are recognised as enabling an individual to make an application to become either an Associate* or a Graduate member of CILEx (depending on the qualification held).

NOTE: The Qualifying Law Degree/CPE/GDL is both a listed exemption and an alternative qualification providing access to membership. Therefore, it sits in the listed exemptions to provide access to the CILEx Graduate Fast Track Diploma and in the alternative qualifications list to provide access to Associate membership.

Listed exemptions

These are exemptions applying to external qualifications which are approved internally and then listed on the CILEx website (see **Appendix 1 – CILEx table of listed exemptions**). Examples include: A Level Law, City & Guilds Legal Studies qualifications and Qualifying Law Degrees (as defined by the Solicitors Regulation Authority). Listed exemptions are reviewed every two years and/or whenever the external qualifications are reviewed and there is a resulting change to the structure/content/assessment of the qualification.

Applications for exemptions are made by learners who have achieved the listed qualification(s) and not by awarding organisations (see **appendix 2 - Application for a listed exemption**). ~~Learners must have completed their qualification no more than 7 years before the date of their application for exemption.~~

Unlisted exemptions

Where a learner has successfully completed an unlisted external qualification which they believe covers one or more units of the CILEx Professional qualifications, they can apply to have the unlisted qualification mapped against the unit specification(s) with a view to being granted an exemption (see **appendix 3 – Application for an unlisted exemption**). ~~Learners must have completed their qualification no more than 7 years before the date of their application for exemption.~~

There is an administrative fee for this exemption (to cover the cost of the mapping exercise) and an exemption fee is then payable for each unit exempted.

Institutional exemptions

These are exemptions agreed by CILEx with individual institutions, including universities and other Awarding Organisations. Where an institution currently offers a qualification (for example, a Foundation Degree in Legal Studies) which they consider covers part/all of a CILEx qualification, they can apply (and must pay a fee) to have the qualification mapped against the relevant CILEx unit specification(s) and approved as an institutional exemption for their learners (see **appendix 4 – Institutional exemption process**). Where successful, the qualification is added to the list of listed exemptions or recognised alternative qualifications. Institutional exemptions are reviewed by CILEx every 2 years and re-validated on payment of a further fee.

~~Learners applying for an institutional exemption must have completed their qualification no more than 7 years before the date of their application for exemption.~~ Where a current learner makes a claim for an institutional exemption that is no longer a valid institutional exemption, this will be treated as an unlisted exemption.

Under the institutional exemption model, learners are required to pay a unit exemption fee for each CILEx unit exempted unless the institutional exemption is an embedded Graduate Fast Track Diploma, in which case the applicant will pay the same fee as for LPC/BPTC recognition.

Note:- Exemptions relating to the CILEx Legal Services qualifications are dealt with automatically through CILEx's learner achievement database.

5) Criteria and Guidance

Listed exemptions

Criteria for applicants applying for a listed exemption

1. Applicants must have fully completed the qualification.
2. Applicants must have achieved the qualification
- ~~3. Applicants must have completed the qualification within the last 7 years~~
- ~~4.3.~~ Applicants must submit a certified qualification certificate showing they have achieved the qualification.
- ~~5.4.~~ Applicants must submit a transcript showing they have achieved the relevant modules/units.

Guidance for applicants

1. Applicants must ensure that a copy of the qualification certificate is appropriately signed and certified before submission. The person certifying the certificate must be a practising or retired professional registered with the appropriate professional body, for example, a Chartered Legal Executive, solicitor, barrister or licensed conveyancer or must be a representative of a an institution recognised by a regulatory authority or professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications and authorised to

sign it on the institution's behalf. CILEx will carry out spot checks to confirm the authenticity of documents. CILEx will not accept original certificates.

Unlisted exemptions

Criteria for applicants applying for an unlisted exemption

1. Applicants must have fully completed the qualification.
- ~~2. Applicants must have achieved the qualification within the last 7 years.~~
- ~~3-2.~~ Applicants should have completed the qualification at an institution recognised by a regulatory authority or professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications.
- ~~4-3.~~ Applicants must submit a certified certificate showing they have achieved the qualification.
- ~~5-4.~~ Applicants must submit a transcript showing they have achieved the relevant modules/units of the qualification for which they are applying for exemption (see Note 5 in the Guidance for applicants).
- ~~6-5.~~ The level of the modules or units achieved must be at the same level or above as the units for which exemption is sought.
- ~~7-6.~~ Each of the modules/units achieved for which exemption is sought must show substantial coverage of the law applicable in England and Wales.
- ~~8-7.~~ The content/syllabus of the modules/units achieved must each cover at least 75% of the relevant CILEx unit content.
- ~~9-8.~~ If the institution is **not** recognised by a regulatory authority or professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications, the qualification assessment process must show evidence of a) appropriate coverage of the syllabus, b) externality in the marking process, c) setting and marking by appropriately qualified staff.

Note: No exemptions are awarded for work experience.

Guidance for applicants

1. Where applicants have been working towards a qualifying law degree but have not achieved this and have obtained another degree, they must submit a statement explaining how their degree differs from a Qualifying Law Degree. CILEx may request from that the applicant provides further information in relation to this which may require the applicant to seek further information from their institution of study.
2. Applicants should only apply for Practice unit exemptions if they are confident that the module/unit achieved shows substantial practical application of the law through the syllabus content and assessment methods. A qualifying law degree or similar qualification is unlikely to include substantial coverage of practical application.
3. Applicants must ensure that a copy of the qualification certificate is appropriately signed and certified before submission. The person certifying your certificate must be a practising or retired professional registered with a professional body, for example, a Chartered Legal Executive, solicitor, barrister or licensed conveyancer or must be a representative of an institution recognised by a regulatory authority or professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications and authorised to sign on the institution's behalf. CILEx will carry out spot checks to confirm the authenticity of documents. CILEx will not accept original certificates.

Institutional exemptions

Criteria for institutions applying for a qualification to be awarded institutional exemption status:

1. Each of the modules/units of the qualification must include substantial coverage of the law applicable in England and Wales.
2. The content/syllabus of the modules/units for which exemptions are sought must each cover at least 75% of the relevant CILEx unit content.
3. The level of the qualification or relevant module of the qualification must be the same or higher than that of the CILEx unit for which exemption is sought.
4. The qualification assessment methods must be valid, reliable and appropriate.
5. The quality assurance processes underpinning the assessment of the qualification must be robust and valid. If the institution is **not** recognised by a regulatory authority or professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications, the qualification assessment process must show evidence of a) appropriate coverage of the syllabus b) setting and marking by appropriately qualified staff c) externality in the marking process.

Note: No exemptions are awarded for work experience.

Guidance for institutions applying for institutional exemption status:

1. Institutions must submit a mapping of their syllabus/course specification and details of the assessment methods and quality assurance arrangements. If the institution is **not** recognised by a regulatory authority or professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications, the qualification assessment process must show evidence of a) appropriate coverage of the syllabus, b) externality in the marking process, c) setting and marking by appropriately qualified staff.

Criteria for applicants applying for an institutional exemption:

1. Applicants must have fully completed the qualification
2. Applicants must have achieved the qualification
- ~~3. Applicants must have completed the qualification within the last 7 years~~
- ~~4.3.~~ Applicants must have achieved the relevant optional/elective modules/units and at the relevant level in order for the exemption to be awarded
- ~~5.4.~~ Applicants must submit a certified certificate showing they have achieved the qualification
- ~~6.5.~~ Applicants must submit a transcript showing they have achieved the relevant modules/units

Guidance for applicants applying for an institutional exemption

1. Applicants must ensure that a copy of the qualification certificate is appropriately signed and certified before submission. The person certifying your certificate must be a practising or retired professional registered with the appropriate professional body, for example, a Chartered Legal Executive, solicitor, barrister or licensed conveyancer or must be a representative of a an institution recognised by a regulatory authority or

professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications and authorised to sign it on the institution's behalf. CILEx will carry out spot checks to confirm the authenticity of documents. CILEx will not accept original certificates.

Alternative qualifications providing entry to membership

Associate Membership

Criteria for applicants applying for Associate membership with a qualifying law degree/CPE/GDL

1. Applicants must have fully completed the qualification.
2. Applicants must have achieved the qualification
- ~~3. Applicants must have completed the qualification within the last 7 years~~
- ~~4.3.~~ Applicants must submit a certified qualification certificate showing they have achieved the qualification.
- ~~5.4.~~ Applicants must submit a transcript showing they have achieved the relevant modules/units.

Guidance for applicants

2. Applicants must ensure that a copy of the qualification certificate is appropriately signed and certified before submission. The person certifying the certificate must be a practising or retired professional registered with the appropriate professional body, for example, a Chartered Legal Executive, solicitor, barrister or licensed conveyancer or must be a representative of a an institution recognised by a regulatory authority or professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications and authorised to sign it on the institution's behalf. CILEx will carry out spot checks to confirm the authenticity of documents. CILEx will not accept original certificates.

Graduate Membership

Criteria for applicants applying for a Graduate membership with an Embedded GFTD

1. Applicants must have fully completed the qualification.
2. Applicants must have achieved the qualification
- ~~3. Applicants must have completed the qualification within the last 7 years~~
- ~~4.3.~~ Applicants must submit a certified qualification certificate showing they have achieved the qualification.
- ~~5.4.~~ Applicants must submit a transcript showing they have achieved the relevant modules/units.

Guidance for applicants

3. Applicants must ensure that a copy of the qualification certificate is appropriately signed and certified before submission. The person certifying the certificate must be a practising or retired professional registered with the appropriate professional body, for example, a Chartered Legal Executive, solicitor, barrister or licensed conveyancer or must be a representative of a an institution recognised by a regulatory authority or professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications and authorised to

sign it on the institution's behalf. CILEx will carry out spot checks to confirm the authenticity of documents. CILEx will not accept original certificates.

Criteria for applicants applying for a Graduate membership with an LPC/BPTC

1. Applicants must have fully completed the qualification.
2. Applicants must have achieved the qualification
3. Applicants must submit a certified qualification certificate showing they have achieved the qualification.

Guidance for applicants

4. Applicants must ensure that a copy of the qualification certificate is appropriately signed and certified before submission. The person certifying the certificate must be a practising or retired professional registered with the appropriate professional body, for example, a Chartered Legal Executive, solicitor, barrister or licensed conveyancer or must be a representative of a an institution recognised by a regulatory authority or professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications and authorised to sign it on the institution's behalf. CILEx will carry out spot checks to confirm the authenticity of documents. CILEx will not accept original certificates.

Exemption Approval and Procedures

Listed exemptions are administered by the CILEx Operations Team. CILEx will confirm eligibility for an exemption listed on the Exemptions Table within 10 working days

Unlisted exemptions are reviewed and agreed by the Qualifications Project Administrator (QPA). Where necessary, the QPA will refer any exceptional issues with unlisted exemption applications to the Qualifications Development Manager.

Institutional exemptions are reviewed by the Qualifications Account Manager.

For unlisted exemption applications and institutional exemption applications up to 20 working days may be taken for a decision to be made. These timescales are subject to receiving complete applications and may change according to the complexity of applications and the volume received at peak application times.

Applications for Associate and Graduate membership via the LPC/BPTC/Embedded Graduate Fast Track schemes are processed by the CILEx Membership team.

6) Fees and appeals

Fees

Listed Qualifications

CILEx charges applicants the same cost of the CILEx unit(s) exempted for listed qualifications (except for QLD/GDL/CPE for which a standard fee is payable).

Unlisted Qualifications

Where an application is for an unlisted qualification, CILEx additionally charges a £100 administration fee to cover the cost of the mapping exercise. The fee is not refundable if the exemption is not granted.

Institutional Exemptions (Institution fees)

For an institutional exemption, CILEx charges the institution £200 for consideration of an application and an additional £300 as an exemption fee if the exemption is approved. The institution will be invoiced for the appropriate fee within 5 working days.

Learners using an institutional exemption pay a fee for the CILEx units exempted.

Applications for Associate and Graduate membership via the QLD/GDL/LPC/BPTC/Embedded Graduate Fast Track schemes

CILEx has standard fees for the QLD, GDL, LPC, BPTC and EGFTD schemes.

Appeals

Appeals relating to unsuccessful exemption applications both by a learner or an institution should be made within 10 working days of the date of the decision letter to the Head of Qualifications who will investigate the issue and respond within 10 working days from receipt of the appeal.

Where an applicant is not satisfied with the response, a further appeal can be made within 10 working days of the date of the decision letter to an independent adjudicator whose decision (within 10 working days of receipt of the letter of appeal) is final.

Appendix 1 – CILEx table of listed exemptions and alternative qualifications for admission to membership

Listed Exemptions		
Qualification	Approved Exemption	Exemption Fee
<p>AS Level in Law</p> <p>Students who have achieved an AS Level in Law and wish to progress on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CILEx Level 3 Certificate and/or Diploma in Law and Practice • CILEx Level 3 Legal Services knowledge qualifications 	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve Level 3 Unit 1 Introduction to Law and Practice</p>	£48
<p>A2 Law (A level Law)</p> <p>Students who have achieved a full A Level in Law and wish to progress on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CILEx Level 3 Certificate and/or Diploma in Law and Practice • CILEx Level 3 Legal Services knowledge qualifications 	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve Level 3 Unit 1 Introduction to Law and Practice</p> <p>AND any of the following units on which they have been successfully examined: Unit 2 Contract Law Unit 3 Criminal Law Unit 5 Law of Tort</p> <p>Note: students claiming an exemption against any of these 3 units will have to demonstrate that all units of the A Level specification for that specific subject have been successfully completed.</p>	£48 per unit
<p>City & Guilds Level 2 Vocational Paralegal Studies Certificate Students who have achieved an overall Distinction in the City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Vocational Paralegal Studies and wish to progress on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CILEx Level 3 Certificate and/or Diploma in Law and Practice • CILEx Level 3 Legal Services knowledge qualifications 	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve Level 3 Unit 1 Introduction to Law and Practice</p> <p>Note: Students must have achieved an overall Distinction in three modules (which must include the two core modules The Legal Environment (Unit 1) and Legal Principles (Unit 2))</p>	£48

<p>City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate/ Diploma in Legal Studies (Last registration</p> <p>31/08/2012) Students who have achieved a Pass in the City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate/ Diploma in Legal Studies, and wish to progress on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CILEx Level 3 Certificate and/or Diploma in Law and Practice • CILEx Level 3 Legal Services knowledge qualifications 	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve Level 3 Unit 1 Introduction to Law and Practice</p> <p>Note: Students must have achieved a Pass in both Unit 201 The Legal Environment and Unit 202 Principles of Liability</p>	<p>£48</p>
<p>City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate/ Diploma in Legal Studies (registration from 01/09/2012) Students who have achieved a Pass in the City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate/ Diploma in Legal Studies, and wish to progress on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CILEx Level 3 Certificate and/or Diploma in Law and Practice • CILEx Level 3 Legal Services knowledge qualifications 	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve Level 3 Unit 1 Introduction to Law and Practice</p>	<p>£48</p>
<p>Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Law (registration from 01/09/2010) Students who have achieved a Pass in Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Law and wish to progress on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CILEx Level 3 Certificate and/or Diploma in Law and Practice • CILEx Level 3 Legal Services knowledge qualifications 	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve Level 3 Unit 1 Introduction to Law and Practice</p>	<p>£48</p>
<p>Qualifying Law Degree Students who have achieved a qualifying (designated as qualifying by the SRA) law</p>	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve CILEx Level 3 Diploma in Law and Practice, and the Law units from the</p>	<p>£200</p>

<p>degree within the last 7 years and wish to progress on to the CILEx Graduate Fast Track Diploma* to qualify for Graduate Membership of CILEx.</p> <p>The CILEx Council will review the 7 year rule in 2015. Subject to their decision this will then be passed to the IPS Board and the Legal Services Board.</p>	<p>Level 6 Diploma in Law and Practice. For students with a qualifying law degree seeking to use the Graduate Fast Track Diploma* to gain access to membership of CILEx, it is a requirement that at least one of the Practice units attempted is in an area of law that was a constituent part of their law degree.</p>	
<p>CPE/ GDL/ PgDL</p> <p>Students who have achieved a CPE/GDL/ PGDL within the last 7 years and wish to progress on to the CILEx Graduate Fast-track Diploma* to qualify for Graduate Membership of CILEx</p> <p>The CILEx Council will review the 7 year rule in 2015. Subject to their decision this will then be passed to the IPS Board and the Legal Services Board.</p>	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve CILEx Level 3 Diploma in Law and Practice, and the Law units from the Level 6 Diploma in Law and Practice. For students with a CPE/GDL/PgDL seeking to use the Graduate Fast-track Diploma* to gain access to membership of CILEx, it is a requirement that at least one of the Practice units attempted is in an area of law that was a constituent part of their qualification.</p>	<p>£200</p>
<p>Alternative qualifications accepted to provide admission to Associate Membership</p>		
<p>Qualifying Law Degree</p> <p>Students who have achieved a qualifying (designated as qualifying by the SRA) law degree within the last 7 years and wish to progress on to the CILEx Graduate Fast Track Diploma* to qualify for Graduate Membership of CILEx.</p> <p>The CILEx Council will review the 7 year rule in 2015. Subject to their decision this will then be passed to the IPS Board and the Legal Services Board.</p>	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve CILEx Level 3 Diploma in Law and Practice, and the Law units from the Level 6 Diploma in Law and Practice. For students with a qualifying law degree seeking to use the Graduate Fast Track Diploma* to gain access to membership of CILEx, it is a requirement that at least one of the Practice units attempted is in an area of law that was a constituent part of their law degree.</p>	<p>£200</p>
<p>CPE/ GDL/ PgDL</p> <p>Students who have achieved a</p>	<p>Will be exempt from having to achieve CILEx Level 3 Diploma in Law and Practice, and the Law units from the</p>	<p>£200</p>

<p>CPE/GDL/ PGDL within the last 7 years and wish to progress on to the CILEx Graduate Fast-track Diploma* to qualify for Graduate Membership of CILEx</p> <p>The CILEx Council will review the 7 year rule in 2015. Subject to their decision this will then be passed to the IPS Board and the Legal Services Board.</p>	<p>Level 6 Diploma in Law and Practice. For students with a CPE/GDL/PgDL seeking to use the Graduate Fast-track Diploma* to gain access to membership of CILEx, it is a requirement that at least one of the Practice units attempted is in an area of law that was a constituent part of their qualification.</p>	
<p>Alternative qualifications accepted to provide admission to Graduate Membership</p>		
<p>Legal Practice Course (LPC)</p>	<p>Students who have completed an LPC may apply for full exemption from CILEx qualifications to become a Graduate Member of CILEx. For further details please contact our Membership Department: Tel +44 (0)1234 845777 or Email: membership@cilex.org.uk</p>	<p>The Graduate Entry Scheme fee of £655 includes exemption, registration and first year of Graduate Membership fees</p>
<p>Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) (formerly the Bar Vocational Course BVC)</p>	<p>Students who have completed a BPTC / BVC may apply for full exemption from CILEx qualifications to become a Graduate Member of CILEx. Please contact our Membership Department for further details. For further details please contact our Membership Department: Tel +44 (0)1234 845777 or Email: membership@cilex.org.uk</p>	<p>The Graduate Entry Scheme fee of £655 includes exemption, registration and first year of Graduate Membership fees</p>
<p>Approved Embedded Graduate Fast Track Degrees</p>	<p>Students who have completed an approved Embedded Graduate Fast Track Degree within the last 7 years may apply for full exemption from CILEx qualifications to become a Graduate Member of CILEx. Please contact our Membership Department for further details. For further details please contact our Membership Department: Tel +44 (0)1234 845777 or Email: membership@cilex.org.uk</p>	<p>The Graduate Entry Scheme fee of £655 includes exemption, registration and first year of Graduate Membership fees</p>

Appendix 2 – Application for a listed exemption

Application for a listed exemption 2015/16

CILEx has recognised a number of qualifications for exemption purposes. If you have completed a qualification listed in the CILEx Exemptions table, you should use this form to apply for exemption. ~~Please note students who have achieved a Qualifying Law Degree (designated as qualifying by the Solicitors Regulation Authority) must have done so within the last 7 years.~~ Details of fees required are shown in the Exemptions table.

Please complete all sections of this application form, and ensure you enclose the supporting documents required with your application.

Incomplete applications will be returned.

1: Your contact details:

CILEx Membership Number (if applicable): _____

Title: _____

Surname: _____

Forenames: _____

Address: _____

Daytime telephone number: _____

Email: _____

2. Details of your qualification

Qualification full title (as shown on your certificate): _____

Qualification awarded by: _____

Date qualification awarded: _____

3. Payment details:

Payment Method (please tick appropriate box)

Personal Cheque Firm's Cheque Postal Order Other (please contact CILEx)

Credit/Charge card Visa / MasterCard / Switch cards (delete as appropriate)

Card No. / / /

Issue No. Expiry date Security code

Signed _____ date _____

4. Details of exemption applied for: applications for exemption may be made from one or more units of the CILEx professional qualifications. Please ensure that only the units relevant to your qualification are marked.

Please read carefully through the guidance overleaf before making your application.

CILEx Level 3 units - please select the Level 3 units from which you are applying for exemption:

Unit	Title	Select
Unit 1	Introduction to Law and Practice	
Unit 2	Contract Law	
Unit 3	Criminal Law	
Unit 4	Land Law	
Unit 5	Law of Tort	
Unit 6	Employment Law	
Unit 7	Family Law	
Unit 8	Law of Wills and Succession	
Unit 9	Civil Litigation	

Unit	Title	Select
Unit 10	Conveyancing	
Unit 11	Criminal Litigation	
Unit 12	The Practice of Family Law	
Unit 13	The Practice of Employment Law	
Unit 14	Probate Practice	
Unit 15	The Practice of Law for the Elderly Client	
Unit 16	Client Care Skills	
Unit 17	Legal Research Skills	
Unit 18	The Practice of Childcare Law	
Unit 19	Residential and Commercial Leasehold Conveyancing	

CILEx Level 6 units - please select the Level 6 units from which you are applying for exemption:

Unit	Title	Select
Unit 1	Company and Partnership Law	
Unit 2	Contract Law	
Unit 3	Criminal Law	
Unit 4	Employment Law	
Unit 5	Equity and Trusts	
Unit 6	European Union Law	
Unit 7	Family Law	
Unit 8	Immigration Law	
Unit 9	Land Law	

Unit	Title	Select
Unit 13	Law of Tort	
Unit 14	Law of Wills and Succession	
Unit 15	Civil Litigation	
Unit 16	The Practice of Company and Partnership Law	
Unit 17	Conveyancing	
Unit 18	Criminal Litigation	
Unit 19	The Practice of Employment Law	
Unit 20	The Practice of Family Law	
Unit 21	Probate Practice	

Unit 10	Landlord and Tenant Law	
Unit 11	Planning Law	
Unit 12	Public Law	

Unit 22	Client Care Skills	
Unit 23	Legal Research Skills	

Graduate Fast Track Diploma – please select the below box if you wish to embark on the Graduate Fast Track Diploma.

Graduate Fast Track Diploma	
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Criteria for applicants applying for a listed exemption

1. Applicants must have fully completed the qualification.
2. Applicants must have successfully completed the ~~qualification (and within the last 7 years where appropriate).~~
3. Applicants must submit a certified certificate showing they have achieved the qualification.
4. Applicants must submit a transcript showing they have achieved the relevant modules/units.

Guidance for applicants

1. Applicants must ensure that a copy of the qualification certificate is appropriately signed and certified before submission. The person certifying your certificate must be a practising or retired professional registered with the appropriate professional body, for example, a Chartered Legal Executive, solicitor, barrister or licensed conveyancer. CILEx will carry out spot checks to confirm the authenticity of documents. CILEx will not accept original certificates.

Please ensure that you have completed all sections of this application form. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Please return your completed application form, supporting documents and administration fee to:

The Exemption Administrator
The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives
Awards Operations
Kempston Manor
Bedford
MK42 7AB

DX 124780 Kempston 2

Or please send electronic applications to: awards@cilex.org.uk

Appendix 3 – Application for an unlisted exemption

Application for an unlisted exemption 2015/16

CILEx will consider applications for exemption based on completion of qualifications that are **not** listed in the CILEx Exemptions table but are set at the same or a higher level and with substantially similar content to that of CILEx unit(s). A non-refundable fee of £100 will be payable to CILEx.

Please read through all guidance attached and complete all sections of this application form.

Incomplete applications will be returned.

1: Your contact details:

CILEx Membership Number (if applicable): _____

Title: _____

Surname: _____

Forenames: _____

Address: _____

Daytime telephone number: _____

Email: _____

2. Details of your qualification

Qualification full title (as shown on your certificate): _____

Qualification awarded by: _____

Date qualification awarded: _____

3. Payment details:

Payment Method (please tick appropriate box)

Personal Cheque Firm's Cheque Postal Order Other (please contact CILEx)

Credit/Charge card Visa / MasterCard / Switch cards (delete as appropriate)

Card No. ///

Issue No. Expiry date Security code

Signed _____ date _____

4. Details of exemption applied for: applications for exemption may be made from one or more units of the CILEx Level 3 and/or 6 professional qualifications. Please ensure that only the units relevant to your qualification are marked for exemption.

Please read carefully through the guidance overleaf before making your application.

CILEx Level 3 units - please select the Level 3 units from which you are applying for exemption:

Unit	Title	Select
Unit 1	Introduction to Law and Practice	
Unit 2	Contract Law	
Unit 3	Criminal Law	
Unit 4	Land Law	
Unit 5	Law of Tort	
Unit 6	Employment Law	
Unit 7	Family Law	
Unit 8	Law of Wills and Succession	
Unit 9	Civil Litigation	

Unit	Title	Select
Unit 10	Conveyancing	
Unit 11	Criminal Litigation	
Unit 12	The Practice of Family Law	
Unit 13	The Practice of Employment Law	
Unit 14	Probate Practice	
Unit 15	The Practice of Law for the Elderly Client	
Unit 16	Client Care Skills	
Unit 17	Legal Research Skills	
Unit 18	The Practice of Childcare Law	
Unit 19	Residential and Commercial Leasehold Conveyancing	

CILEx Level 6 units - please select the Level 6 units from which you are applying for exemption:

Unit	Title	Select
Unit 1	Company and Partnership Law	
Unit 2	Contract Law	
Unit 3	Criminal Law	
Unit 4	Employment Law	
Unit 5	Equity and Trusts	
Unit 6	European Union Law	
Unit 7	Family Law	
Unit 8	Immigration Law	
Unit 9	Land Law	
Unit 10	Landlord and Tenant Law	
Unit 11	Planning Law	

Unit	Title	Select
Unit 13	Law of Tort	
Unit 14	Law of Wills and Succession	
Unit 15	Civil Litigation	
Unit 16	The Practice of Company and Partnership Law	
Unit 17	Conveyancing	
Unit 18	Criminal Litigation	
Unit 19	The Practice of Employment Law	
Unit 20	The Practice of Family Law	
Unit 21	Probate Practice	
Unit 22	Client Care Skills	
Unit 23	Legal Research Skills	

Unit 12	Public Law	
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Graduate Fast Track Diploma – please select the below box if you wish to embark on the Graduate Fast Track Diploma.

Graduate Fast Track Diploma	
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Criteria for applicants applying for an unlisted exemption

1. Applicants must have fully completed the qualification.
- ~~2. Applicants must have achieved the qualification within the last 7 years.~~
- ~~3.2.~~ Applicants should have completed the qualification at an institution recognised by a regulatory authority or established, professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications.
- ~~4.3.~~ Applicants must submit a certified certificate showing they have achieved the qualification.
- ~~5.4.~~ Applicants must submit a transcript showing they have achieved the modules/units of the qualification for which they are applying for exemption (see Note 5 in the Guidance for applicants).
- ~~6.5.~~ The level of the modules or units achieved must be at the same level or above as the units for which exemption is sought.
- ~~7.6.~~ Each of the modules/units achieved for which exemption is sought must show substantial coverage of the law applicable in England and Wales.
- ~~8.7.~~ The content/syllabus of the modules/units achieved must each cover at least 75% of the relevant CILEx unit content.
- ~~9.8.~~ If the institution is **not** recognised by a regulatory authority or established, professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications, the qualification assessment process must show evidence of a) appropriate coverage of the syllabus, b) externality in the marking process, c) setting and marking by appropriately qualified staff.

Note: No exemptions are awarded for work experience.

Guidance for applicants

1. Applicants who have been working towards a Qualifying Law Degree but have not achieved this and have obtained another degree must submit a statement explaining how their degree differs from a Qualifying Law Degree. CILEx may request that the applicant provides further information from their institution of study.
2. Applicants should only apply for Practice unit exemptions if they are confident that the module/unit achieved shows substantial practical application of the law through the syllabus content and assessment methods. A Qualifying Law Degree or similar programme is unlikely to include substantial coverage of practical application.

3. Applicants must ensure that a copy of the qualification certificate is appropriately signed and certified before submission. The person certifying your certificate must be a practising or retired professional registered with the appropriate professional body, for example, a Chartered Legal Executive, solicitor, barrister or licensed conveyancer or must be a representative of a an institution recognised by a regulatory authority or established, professional body to provide learning and/or award qualifications and authorised to sign it on the institution's behalf. Please note that CILEx will carry out spot checks to confirm the authenticity of documents. CILEx will not accept original certificates.

Please ensure that you have completed all sections of this application form, as incomplete applications will be returned.

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Appendix 4 – Institutional exemption process

Institutional Exemption Process

1. The Institution must first check that their qualification meets the Institutional Exemption Criteria [Web Page Institutional Exempts 26 08 14.docx](#)
2. If the qualification meets the Exemption Criteria the institution contacts CILEx for an initial discussion regarding the qualification for which they are seeking exemption. CILEx will aim to confirm at this stage if it is appropriate for the formal exemption process to be pursued.
3. The Institution then carries out a mapping exercise using the relevant CILEx unit mapping template (see sample sheet below). Up to date Unit Specifications can be found on the CILEx website:
http://www.cilex.org.uk/study/information_for_students/syllabus.aspx
4. The Institution sends a completed application form, [Forms\Instit Exemption Form 27 08 14.docx](#) course and assessment materials relating to their qualification, and the completed mapping sheet(s) to CILEx. The materials should include:
 - a. Programme specification/ handbook
 - b. Detailed module/ unit specifications
 - c. Relevant assessment materials/marketing schemes.
5. At this stage the Institution will be invoiced for £200 to cover the costs of a review of the materials by CILEx. This fee is non-refundable.
6. CILEx will complete a review of the materials and confirm the result within 20 working days of receiving the documents above.
7. On successful approval of exemptions CILEx will send out a confirmation letter, Terms of Agreement to be signed by both parties, the CILEx Logo and Usage Policy, and a further invoice for £300.
8. CILEx will set a review date of 2 years from the date of approval; however, the institution must inform CILEx immediately of any changes to the qualification before the review date expires. There will be a further review fee of £100 at the end of the 2 years.