



APPLICATION PROCESS

The program is not an academic study program. A passion to practice law is required, or at least a commitment to search for that passion.

There are no current limits on numbers but the admission requirements (especially as to time) are strictly applied.

Applicants are invited to apply online at:
www.studentcentre.utas.edu.au/admissions/applyweb.html
Alternatively, applications may be submitted by post.
Information on how to apply by post is available at:
www.studentcentre.utas.edu.au/admissions/applypost.html

LOCATION OF PLTP

The Centre for Legal Studies is located at 37 Hunter Street, Hobart, as part of the UTAS Hunter Street Campus.

The Program premises are contained within the historic Henry Jones complex on the harbour within the restaurant and tourist precinct of Hobart. Some trainee's offices overlook the harbour and historic sites.

For more information, please contact:

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THE TASMANIAN PROFESSIONAL LEGAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Professional Legal Training Program (‘PLTP’) is a six months course of practical legal instruction in a legal office environment. It is conducted by Centre for Legal Studies Ltd, the members of which are UTAS, The Law Society of Tasmania and the Board of Legal Education.

The purpose of PLTP is to train law graduates to ethically and competently perform the tasks which they might reasonably expect to be required to undertake as a junior legal practitioner, especially in the first year of practice.



WHY COMPLETE A PROFESSIONAL LEGAL TRAINING PROGRAM?

- In order to be admitted as a legal practitioner, legislation requires that you must complete an approved course of practical instruction on the duties of a legal practitioner.
- There is no ‘articles’ based legal training in Tasmania.

WHY COMPLETE THE CENTRE FOR LEGAL STUDIES PLTP?

The PLTP offers a unique practical experience unlike any other professional legal training program. An emphasis is placed on the practice of law in a practical environment. Experience gained by trainees includes:

- Regular appearances before judges and magistrates in the Supreme Court, Magistrates Court and Family Court.
- Instruction by experienced legal practitioners and other professionals.
- Direct interaction with judicial officers and senior legal practitioners.
- Two weeks’ work experience in a law firm, government agency or other legal services provider.
- A minimum of ‘lecture style’ instruction.
- Completion of transactions, tasks and exercises in a legal office environment.

Other benefits of the PLTP include:

- The opportunity to interact with fellow trainees, judicial officers and senior legal practitioners at a social level.
- It is the program of choice for Tasmanian employers; providing specific training to Tasmanian requirements, whilst at the same time exceeding the National Competency Standards in every respect.
- Admission as a legal practitioner is almost immediate upon graduation from the course.
- Access to lecturers, tutors and mentors as and when required.
- Prior employment is not a pre-requisite.

MAIN MODULES

The PLTP is grouped into seven main modules:

1. Supreme Court Practice and Advocacy.
2. Magistrates Court Practice and Advocacy.
3. Trust and Office Accounting.
4. Property Law Practice.
5. Commercial Law Practice.
6. Family Law Practice and Advocacy.
7. Professional Responsibility and Ethics.

Other sub-modules are also completed by students at the PLTP. Further information regarding these modules is available on request or visit www.taslawsociety.asn.au

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

- All modules are compulsory.
- Trainees are required to attend all lectures, workshops, discussion forums and court practice sessions. These are held on three days each week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). Access to the Course premises and instructors is available on Mondays and Fridays as well.
- The course runs from late January/early February until the last week in July.

