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New Zealand Law and Practice Examinations Preparation Course

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Its purpose is to meet both the pre-admission and post-admission education and training needs of the legal profession in Australia and New Zealand.

The Colleges in Australia and New Zealand are the largest providers of practical legal training in their respective countries and are two of the oldest and most respected in the common law world.

Our commitment

The College is committed to the student. We aim to provide you with an online course that will assist you to successfully prepare for the New Zealand Law and Practice Examination (NZLPE) - the pathway to your career as a practising lawyer in New Zealand and (through the mutual recognition laws that apply) Australia. It is important to note that the NZLPE examinations should not be attempted relying only on the College’s materials. You must also consult the recommended texts, articles and legislation and do further research where you think it is necessary.

What we provide

The College of Law provides a wide range of pre-admission and post-admission education and training to the legal profession throughout Australia and New Zealand:

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New Zealand Law and Practice Examinations

The object of the New Zealand Law and Practice Examination (NZLPE), run by the New Zealand Council of Legal Education, is to allow the holder of an overseas university law degree of similar scope, duration and subject matter to a New Zealand Bachelor of Laws degree to learn and be tested on (in an independently moderated and assessed examination) the key areas of New Zealand law which differ from the law of the jurisdiction from which he or she came.

The NZLPE comprises six Parts:

**Part I** – The New Zealand Legal System

**Part II** – Law of Contract

**Part III** – Criminal Law

**Part IV** – Property

**Part V** – Law of Torts

**Part VI** – Equity

The conduct of the NZLPE is governed by the Conduct of the New Zealand Law and Practice Examination Regulations 1996, which are available on the Council’s website [www.nzcle.org.nz](http://www.nzcle.org.nz) under About Us.

The NZLPE Preparation Course

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- A unit by unit study guide
- Quizzes that test your knowledge and understanding
- All relevant cases and statutes
- Parts of the online libraries of three New Zealand legal publishers:
  - LexisNexis (NZ)
  - CCH New Zealand
  - Thomson Reuters (Westlaw NZ)
- All past NZLPE exam papers since July 2004
The NZLPE Preparation Course content falls into six Parts.

**Part I: The New Zealand Legal System**

*Sources and Development of the Constitution*  
Unit 1: Sources and Development of the Constitution

*Fundamental Principles of the Constitution*  
Unit 2: The Rule of Law  
Unit 3: The Separation of Powers  
Unit 4: Parliamentary Sovereignty

*Treaty of Waitangi*  
Unit 5: The Treaty of Waitangi

*Institutions of the State*  
Unit 6: Parliament  
Unit 7: Courts  
Unit 8: Governor-General  
Unit 9: The Executive: Cabinet, Prime Minister and the Executive Council

*Protection of Rights*  
Unit 10: Judicial Review  
Unit 11: Domestic Incorporation of International Law  
Unit 12: New Zealand Bill of Rights  
Unit 13: Officers of Parliament  
Unit 14: Official Information, Human Rights and Protected Disclosures

*Statutory Interpretation*  
Unit 15: Statutory Interpretation

**Part II: Law of Contract**

*New Zealand Contract Law and the Common Law*  
Unit 1: Introduction to Contract Law in New Zealand  
Unit 2: Contract Basics  
Unit 3: Additional Requirements for a Valid Contract

*Contracts Between Persons of Different States*  
Unit 4: Contracts Between Persons of Different States Consumer Protection  
Unit 5: Consumer Guarantees Act 1993  
Unit 6: Consumer Protection in Relation to Credit  
Unit 7: Misleading and Deceptive Representations (Fair Trading Act 1986)  
Unit 8: Protection of Third Parties (Contracts (Privity) Act 1982)

*Matters Affecting Contract Validity and Enforcement*  
Unit 9: Invalid Contracts  
Unit 10: Mistake

*Contractual Remedies and Frustration of Contract*  
Unit 11: Contractual Remedies and Frustration of Contract
### Part III: Criminal Law

**General Principles of Criminal Liability**
- **Unit 1:** Introduction to Criminal Law in New Zealand

**Offences under the Crimes Act 1961 and other Acts**
- **Unit 2:** Mens Rea and Fault
- **Unit 3:** Secondary and Inchoate Offences
- **Unit 4:** Offences Against the Person
- **Unit 5:** Offences Against the Rights of Property

**Other Enactments**
- **Unit 6:** Offences under Other Enactments

**Defences Available to a Defendant**
- **Unit 7:** General and Special Defences

**Criminal Trials**
- **Unit 8:** Procedure
- **Unit 9:** Jurisdiction
- **Unit 10:** Appeals
- **Unit 11:** Sentencing

### Part IV: Property

**The New Zealand Land Transfer System**
- **Unit 1:** The New Zealand Land Transfer System
- **Unit 2:** Indefeasibility and its Principal Exceptions
- **Unit 3:** Priorities Between Instruments and Caveats
- **Unit 4:** Mortgages
- **Unit 5:** Leases and Licences
- **Unit 6:** Easements and Covenants
- **Unit 7:** Encroachment and Landlocked Land

**Land Ownership and Use**
- **Unit 8:** Co-ownership of Land
- **Unit 9:** Cross-leases and Unit Titles
- **Unit 10:** Maori Land
- **Unit 11:** Resource Management Act 1991

**Residential Tenancies**
- **Unit 12:** Residential Tenancies Act 1986

### Part V: Law of Torts

**Accident Compensation for Personal Injury**
- **Unit 1:** Accident Compensation Act 2001 (ACC)
- **Unit 2:** Scope of Cover
- **Unit 3:** The Statutory Bar and the Right to sue at Common Law
- **Unit 4:** Compensation and Entitlements

**Negligence**
- **Unit 5:** General Approach to Negligence
- **Unit 6:** Negligent Misstatement and Economic Loss
- **Unit 7:** Government Liability in Building Cases
- **Unit 8:** Government Liability in Other cases

**Defamation and Privacy**
- **Unit 9:** Defamation Act 1992
- **Unit 10:** The Plaintiff’s Case
- **Unit 11:** Defences of Truth and Honest Opinion
- **Unit 12:** Defence of Privilege
- **Unit 13:** Developments in Qualified Privilege
- **Unit 14:** Privacy

### Part VI: Equity

**Equity Law in New Zealand**
- **Unit 1:** Introduction to Equity Law in New Zealand

**Trusts**
- **Unit 2:** Express Trusts
- **Unit 3:** Resulting Trusts
- **Unit 4:** Constructive Trusts
- **Unit 5:** Charitable Trusts
- **Unit 6:** Maori Trusts
- **Unit 7:** Trustees’ Powers and Duties

**Fiduciary Obligations**
- **Unit 8:** Fiduciary Obligations

**Equitable Remedies**
- **Unit 9:** Equitable Remedies

**Succession Law**
- **Unit 10:** Succession Law

**NOTE:** The above outline of course structure and content is subject to change.
## Course Fees

The course fees below apply in respect of each Part of the six-Part New Zealand Law and Practice Examination:

### Course options

Online course: Part I, Part II, Part III, Part IV, Part V, Part VI

### What it includes

- Access to an online course for one semester.
- 30 minute Feedback Session**
- Transfer (at no cost) to another semester in the event of not successfully completing the relevant examination, due to deferral, non-registration, withdrawal, not sitting or not passing.
- Further transfer (at the cost of a $200 transfer fee) to another semester in the event of again not successfully completing the relevant examination due to deferral, non-registration, withdrawal, not sitting, or not passing.

** Please note that the Feedback Session is non-transferrable, non-refundable and must be used in the semester in which you are enrolled. In the event of a transfer or a further transfer to another semester, you will be entitled to the online course, but not to a Feedback Session.

### Course fee

$2200 + GST per course.

15% Goods and Services Tax (GST) is applicable if you reside within New Zealand. The New Zealand Government's StudyLink student loans and allowances scheme is not available for this course.

### Semesters

**Semester 1:**
1 February – 31 July (for July examinations). Access to College Learning Portal continues until 1 August

**Semester 2:**
1 August – 28 February (for February examinations). Access to College Learning Portal continues until 1 March

**Notes:** The NZCLE revises its NZLPE prescription annually, following the July examinations, for its exams in the following year. College NZLPE Preparation Course materials are updated following each revision of the NZLPE prescription.

### How long will it take?

The course does not have a prescribed timetable. You will determine your own study pace according to your circumstances, the number of exams you have chosen to sit and when you will sit them (February or July).

It may be better to pace your work, e.g. by doing one unit a week. If you do this, you will need to allow 10–15 weeks, depending on the number of units in a Part.

If you devote yourself full-time, you should allow at least two weeks of intensive study for each Part.

You should also consider how many exams you should attempt. It may be better to spread your exams over both February and July, or over more than one year.

The course has two semesters each year, which are linked to the scheduling of the NZLPE.
2020 Enrolment Application Form

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