

UK applicants (apart from Scotland) – Update

At its meeting on 29 September 09, the Board agreed to adopt the proposal of the Law Admissions Consultative Committee (LACC) to amend the Uniform Principles for assessing the qualifications of overseas applicants for admission to the Australian Legal Profession so as to remove the presumption that applicants from the UK (**apart from Scotland**) are required to study Real Property.

Applicants who have had their qualifications assessed under the Uniform Principles which were introduced on 7 April 2008 and who are in the process of completing their academic requirements and believe they will be eligible for the exemption can either: wait until they submit their Form 16 (fee \$200) and transcripts for final assessment and request that they be exempted from Real Property, or make an earlier miscellaneous application to the Board, by way of a letter (fee \$50), to obtain formal advice.

Applicants who are completing their academic requirements with the Board and therefore not required to submit Form 16 for final assessment, should make a miscellaneous application to the Board (as above), quoting their student number.

Applicants who were required to undertake Real Property from their initial assessment and are in the process of submitting, or intend to submit Form 16 for the purpose of obtaining a prospective assessment, i.e. asking the Board if subjects undertaken at other institutions will satisfy the Board's requirements, should include a request for advice as to their eligibility for exemption from Real Property.

Any other applicants who are uncertain as to what should be done in their particular circumstances should contact the Board.

NB: The above instructions relate only to those applicants who have not yet successfully completed Real Property to fulfill academic requirements as set out by the Board's Legal Qualifications Committee or Academic Exemptions Sub-Committee.

The Uniform Principles will be updated in due course.