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**CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM**

**Consultation on the future of the Bar Course Aptitude Test (BCAT)**

**September 2021**

**Question 1:** **Do you agree with our analysis of the risks associated with student aptitude and the appropriateness of the BCAT as a regulatory requirement?**

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**Question 2:** **Is there evidence of other risks we should consider in relation to student aptitude for Bar training as part of our review?**

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**Question 3: Does the BCAT help students make an informed decision on whether to enrol on Bar courses? If you are a current or former Bar student, did the BCAT help you to decide whether to enrol on a Bar training course? Please state how.**

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**Question 4: Which option do you prefer and why?**

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**Question 5: If you prefer option 2, what are the risks that should be addressed and how should the BCAT be amended/replaced to ensure it is addressing the risks identified?**

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**Question 6: Are there any other options we should consider? If so, please state why.**

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**Question 7: In addition to those already stated, does the requirement to take the BCAT before enrolling on a Bar training course have any negative equality impacts on those from disadvantaged or underrepresented groups, or those who are neuro-divergent? If so, please state why.**

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**Question 8: In addition to those already stated, do the proposed policy options have any negative equality impacts on those from disadvantaged or underrepresented groups, or those who are neuro-divergent? If so, please state why.**

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**Question 9: Is there anything else you would like to tell us?**

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32. Are you a:

* Barrister
* Law Student
* Education and training provider
* Legal consumer / member of the public
* Other legal professional
* Legal services representative body
* Other (please specify)

33. Are you responding in an individual capacity or as a representative of your organisation?

* Individual response
* Organisational response

34. Please give your name or the name of your organisation if you do not wish your response to be anonymous:

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**Equality Monitoring Information**

If you are responding to this consultation as an individual, please complete the following questions:

1. **What is your age?**
* Under 25
* 25-34
* 35-44
* 45-54
* 55-64
* Over 65
* Prefer not to say
1. **What is your sex?**
* Male
* Female
* Prefer not to say
1. **Is your gender identity the same as the sex with which you were assigned at birth?**
* Yes
* No
* Prefer not to say
1. **What best describes your gender?**
* Female
* Male
* Prefer not to say
* I describe myself as:

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1. **Do you consider yourself to have a disability?**
* Yes
* No
* Prefer not to say
1. **Is your ability to perform day-to-day activities limited because of a physical or mental disability, condition or illness, which has lasted or is expected to last for at least 12 months?**
* Yes, a lot
* Yes, a little
* Not at all
* Prefer not to say
1. **What is your ethnic group?**
* White – ﻿English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/﻿British
* White – Irish
* White – Gypsy or Irish Traveller
* White – Roma
* White – I use a different term to describe my White ethnic background
* Asian/Asian British – Bangladeshi
* Asian/Asian British – Chinese
* Asian/Asian British – Indian
* Asian/Asian British – I use a different term to describe my Asian ethnic background
* Black/Black British – African
* Black/Black British – Caribbean
* Black/Black British – I use a different term to describe my Black ethnic background
* Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background – White and Asian
* Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background – White and Black African
* Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background – White and Black Caribbean
* Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background – White and Chinese
* Multiple Ethnic Background - I use a different term to describe my Mixed/Multiple ethnic background
* Arab
* I use a different term to describe my ethnicity, which does not fall under “White”, “Asian”, “Black” or “Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background”
* Prefer not to say
1. **What is your religion or belief?**
* No religion
* Buddhist
* Christian
* Hindu
* Jewish
* Muslim
* Sikh
* Prefer not to say
* I have a different religion or belief
1. **Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?**
* Heterosexual
* Gay or Lesbian
* Bisexual
* Prefer not to say
* I use a different term
1. **Did you mainly attend a state or fee-paying school between the ages of 11 – 18?**
* UK State school
* UK fee-paying school
* School outside UK
* Prefer not to say
1. **If you finished school after 1980, were you eligible for Free School Meals at any point during your school years?**
* Yes
* No
* Not applicable
* Don’t know
1. **If you went to university (to study a BA, BSc or higher), had either (or both) of your parents or carers attended university by the time you were 18?**
* Yes
* No
* Don’t know
* I didn’t attend university
* Prefer not to say
1. **Are you a primary carer for a child or children under 18?**
* Yes
* No
* Prefer not to say
1. **Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either: long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability or problems relating to old age? (Do not count anything you do as part of paid employment).**
* No
* Yes, 1-19 hours a week
* Yes, 20-49 hours a week
* Yes, 50 or more hours a week
* Prefer not to say