

## **Bar training students: additional re-sits pilot at BPP**

The new vocational Bar training courses which commenced from September 2020 allow a student a maximum of five years in which to successfully complete the course so that they can be Called to the Bar. Each training provider has its own sets of regulations relating to the university academic awards such as Postgraduate Diploma, LLM etc, within which Bar training is embedded. These local regulations determine the number of re-sits permitted for each assessment as the Bar Standards Board does not regulate the academic awards of the training providers, only the elements which are required to be passed for Call to the Bar. As far as the BSB is concerned, there is no limit to the number of times those elements can be retaken within 5 years.

The BSB has therefore discussed with training providers the best way to enable students to continue to take further re-sits once they have reached the maximum number permitted under the regulations of their academic awards. All providers were invited to propose solutions and BPP University Law School has come forward to offer a solution which we wish to trial with a pilot in December 2023.

These arrangements would be on a **non-award basis**. That means that although students may be Called to the Bar if they successfully complete all the elements of vocational Bar training prescribed by the BSB, they will not receive any academic award such as a Postgraduate Diploma or LLM either from their original training provider or from BPP (if BPP is not their original provider).

### **December 2023**

All BPP students who have undertaken Bar training at BPP since September 2020 and who are deemed to have reached the maximum number of resits under the regulations of their academic award will be invited to apply to take further re-sits of any outstanding assessments. These will be taken with BPP in December 2023. If you are an eligible BPP student, you can express your interest by emailing [BarTraining@BPP.com](mailto:BarTraining@BPP.com) and need to do so by 3 November 2023.

### **Spring 2024**

If the December 2023 pilot is successful, all students who have undertaken Bar training at other providers since September 2020 and who are deemed to have reached the maximum number of resits under the regulations of their academic award will be invited to apply to take further re-sits of any outstanding assessments. These will be taken with BPP in Spring 2024.

### **Ongoing opportunities**

Beyond the pilot phase, BPP will offer three sit opportunities each year in spring, running April-June; summer running from August-October; and winter running from November-February. The dates for the Winter 2023 sit are confirmed as 14 November 2023 - 4 February 2024. The dates for the Spring and Summer 2024 sits are to be confirmed in due course.

### **Students who have done part 1 of a two-part vocational Bar training course**

This is not a suitable solution for those students who have only completed part 1 of a two-part vocational course because they have not been exposed to any teaching for any of the part 2 elements. Anyone who has passed part 1 of a two-part vocational course and wishes

to continue with Bar studies, must complete part 2 of the vocational course first. It will not be possible to register at BPP to sit part 2 assessments unless you can provide evidence that you have completed part two of the vocational course in full. Additional or refresher training in preparation for the resits will be possible, however this will not be considered an alternative to completion of part two.

## Fees

The fees to students (payable to BPP) will be only for the individual elements of assessment that remain to be passed. The fees of the assessments are shown below. As it may well be some considerable time since your original teaching, we have also included the fees for BPP's optional training and preparatory sessions. For further information see [BPP Bar Training and Preparatory Sessions](#).

<b>Assessments only</b>	<b>Fee per delegate</b>
Civil Application Advocacy assessment	£220.00
Examination in Chief assessment	£220.00
Cross Examination assessment	£220.00
Civil Litigation assessment – Paper One	£350.00
Civil Litigation assessment – Paper Two	£350.00
Criminal Litigation assessment	£350.00
Professional Ethics assessment	£350.00
Opinion Writing assessment	£220.00
Legal Research assessment	£220.00
Drafting assessment	£220.00
Conference Skills assessment	£300.00
<b>Training and preparatory sessions</b>	
Advocacy Training (3 day)	£1,050.00
Civil Applications Workshop	£200.00
Witness Handling: Mini Trial Workshop	£375.00
Civil Litigation Lecture: Day One	£340.00
Civil Litigation Lecture: Day Two	£340.00
Civil Litigation Webinar	£310.00
Criminal Litigation Lecture	£340.00
Criminal Litigation Webinar	£310.00
Professional Ethics Lecture	£340.00
Professional Ethics Webinar	£310.00
Opinion Writing and Legal Research Workshop	£400.00
Mock Opinion Writing Assessment	£140.00
Drafting Workshop	£400.00
Mock Drafting Assessment	£140.00
Conference Skills Workshop	£400.00

These are the fees for the Winter 2023 sit.

Fees for the Spring and Summer 2024 sit will be subject to an inflationary increase and will be confirmed in due course.

All sessions will be held online using either Adobe Connect or MS Teams.