

Steps to Becoming a Qualified Person through studying in an Overseas Scheduled University

- Be a Singapore citizen or permanent resident.
- Attend at approved Overseas Scheduled Universities (OSUs) in the UK (Rule 8, QP Rules); Australia and New Zealand (Rule 9, QP Rules); or the USA (Rule 9A, QP Rules).
- Obtain law degree corresponding to the OSU specified in the schedules to the QP Rules.
- Graduate with at least lower 2nd class honours (for UK OSUs) or in the top 70% of cohort (for other OSUs).
- The degree programme must be undertaken full-time, as an internal candidate and over at least 3 academic years.
- No twinning programme, combined or dual degrees, external degrees or accelerated degrees.
- Exemptions may be sought from the Minister for Law if any of the criteria is/are not met.^①

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Obtain a recognised law degree from an Overseas Scheduled University

- Relevant Legal Training or Relevant Legal Practice or Work (collectively, RLT) may be done in Singapore or overseas. (Refer to Rule 2, QP Rules for definitions of acceptable RLT.)
- 6 months of RLT (in 1 or more law practices or listed companies, as applicable) to be undertaken within a continuous period of 8 months.
- RLT may only commence after passing the final examination for the recognised law degree.
- RLT may be undertaken before, concurrently with or after taking the Part A Bar Exams.
- Approval need not be obtained from the SILE prior to undertaking RLT.

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Undertake 6 months of Relevant Legal Training/Practice/Work

- The Part A Bar Exams is a conversion examination for graduates from OSUs.
- There will be 2 sessions of the exams each year: Session 1 in April/May and Session 2 in October/November.
- Candidates sitting for Session 1 may opt for the optional Part A Bar Course, which typically starts in January, and spans about 3 months.

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Pass Part A Bar Exams

Register with SILE as a Qualified Person

Important notes:

① More information can be found at <https://www.mlaw.gov.sg/content/minlaw/en/practising-as-a-lawyer/applications-to-the-minister-for-law-for-exemption.html>.

* This infographic is presented for reference only, and is not a substitute for the applicable legislation. For registration to become a Qualified Person, refer to the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules [QP Rules].

** The flow diagram presented in this infographic shows the typical pathway for a Singapore citizen or permanent resident who graduates from a UK or an Australian OSU, having gained admission to the recognised degree on or after 1 October 2015.

*** The information in this infographic is correct as at 1 December 2018.