

Curriculum and Assessment Strategy

Summary of changes August 2021

Page	Change	Notes
1	Addition of paragraph relating to upcoming changes to pupillage	Confirms that a centralised assessment in Professional Ethics will commence in 2022. Confirmation that a compulsory course in Negotiation Skills will be introduced, and that further details will be added in due course.
2	Removal of paragraph relating to Common Protocol	
2	Amended footnote	States that the inclusion of European Law as one of the seven Foundation of Legal Knowledge subjects is under review following Brexit, but continues to be a required subject for the foreseeable future.
4	Amended Civil Litigation under column "Assessment Requirements"	States no of questions in each part of the paper and the time allowed. Clarifies that the assessment is centrally set and marked.
4	Amended Opinion Writing and Legal Research under column "Assessment Requirements"	Clarifies that Legal Research must be assessed as part of the Opinion Writing Assessment.
6	Amended Cross Examination 'Questioning technique' section.	Addition of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deals appropriately and accurately with procedural matters
7	Amended Examination in Chief 'Questioning technique' section.	Addition of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate use of notes/exhibits, where relevant
11	Amended title to Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Sentencing	As per Assessment Requirements title
17	Amended first sentence under "Assessment Criteria"	Clarifies that Legal Research must be assessed as part of the Opinion Writing Assessment.
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25	Addition of paragraph relating to upcoming changes to pupillage	Confirms that a centralised assessment in Professional Ethics will commence in 2022. Confirmation that a compulsory course in Negotiation Skills will be introduced, and that further details will be added in due course.
26	Addition of sections relating to Advocacy and Negotiation Skills	Confirmation that a compulsory course in Negotiation Skills will be introduced, and that further details will be added in due course.

27 - 34	Addition of section relating to Professional Ethics during pupillage	Includes learning outcomes (pp26-33), details of the assessment (p33), and classification of profiles (pp33-34).
34	Addition of 2 final sentences in first paragraph	Confirms that candidates may not re-sit a passing assessment to improve their grade. Clarifies that AETOs may offer assessments in any mode of delivery.
37	Amended title of section "Appeals against centralised examination decisions"	States that the information contained in this section relates to both the vocational and pupillage/work-based components.
37	Amended bullet point list	Reflects updated procedure for requesting an enhanced clerical error check
37	Amended final bullet point	Updated name of BSB team and email address
38	New section entitled "Pupillage/Work-based component"	Gives details about the centralised assessment of Professional Ethics during pupillage
39	Amended footnote	Confirms that a centralised assessment in Professional Ethics will commence in 2022. Confirmation that a compulsory course in Negotiation Skills will be introduced, and that further details will be added in due course.
40-51	Added mapping for Professional Ethics assessment during pupillage	
51	Amended second footnote	Confirmation that a compulsory course in Negotiation Skills will be introduced, and that further details will be added in due course
52	Removal of the BCAT section on page 2 and 3	https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/resources/press-releases/bsb-to-abolish-the-bar-course-aptitude-test-from-31-july.html