



Certificate in Professional Legal Studies

KEY INFORMATION:

COURSE TYPE:	Professional Certificate
DELIVERY:	In-person/Flexible/Distributed Learning
COURSE DURATION:	20 Weeks (Part-Time)
NFO:	Level 5 Equivalent
ACCREDITED BY:	Chartered Institute of Legal Executive UK (CILEX)
COURSE FEE:	€ 1850



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COURSE OVERVIEW

The Certificate in Professional Legal Studies programme has been specifically tailored for students who wish to practice as a legal executive in the Republic of Ireland.

The course provides students with a solid introduction to the Irish legal system. It is endorsed and accredited by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives UK (CILEx), a professional association of over 21,000 chartered legal executive lawyers, paralegals and other legal practitioners in Ireland, England, and Wales. For more than 50 years, CILEx has offered a pathway to a flexible career in law. Many students successfully pursue roles as legal executives in Ireland, while others use the qualification as a pathway to becoming a solicitor.

The Certificate is the first part of a two-stage Diploma programme. In Stage 1, students graduate with a Certificate in Professional Legal Studies. When successful, students are eligible to progress to Stage 2 of the programme: the Diploma in Professional Legal Studies.

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COURSE DETAILS:

The Certificate in Professional Legal Studies has been specifically tailored for the Irish legal system and covers four key areas:

- **Unit 1:** Introduction to the Irish Legal System; Legal Research
- **Unit 2:** Law of Torts; Contract Law
- **Unit 3:** Civil Litigation
- **Unit 4:** Land Law & Conveyancing

Each Unit comprises four to six lectures, while the Saturday workshops provide an opportunity to review and discuss each Unit in detail.

A comprehensive revision class is provided per Unit prior to the commencement of the examination period, providing students with an opportunity to refine exam technique, as well as an overview of the core concepts and principles.

There is a two-hour online exam for each Unit. Students may access our library and online journals during their time at Independent College.

COURSE DURATION:

We run this 20-week course twice a year: October and February.

The course is delivered via three-hour lectures, one day a week from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

There are two Saturday workshops within the 20-week period, which run from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

The course is open admission and there are no requirements for entry.

LOCATION:

Our classes take place online and on-campus at Independent College, Block B, The Steelworks, Foley Street, Dublin 1, D01 X997.

DELIVERY:

The course is delivered both in class and via flexible and distributed learning (FDL).

Class lectures are live-streamed, recorded and posted online for students to access via our Moodle platform.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Many graduates of our Certificate in Professional Legal Studies programme go on to complete our Diploma in Professional Legal Studies, to facilitate further career advancement. Many of our students successfully pursue roles as legal executives in Ireland, while some use the qualification as a pathway to becoming a solicitor.

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