

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 2 CLAUSE 5 OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION UNIFORM ADMISSION RULES 2015 (UAR's)

The proposed amendments (*in red italics*) are to be effected by retaining the text of the current Sch 2 cl 5 but re-numbering it cl 5.1, and including a new cl 5.2 as follows:

5.1 Programmed training and workplace experience

PLT must comprise both programmed training and workplace experience as follows:

- (a) subject to paragraph (d), in the case of a graduate diploma:
 - (i) programmed training appropriate to a diploma that is equivalent to at least a Level 8 qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework, and
 - (ii) the equivalent of at least 15 days' workplace experience,
- (b) subject to paragraph (d), in the case of a training course other than a graduate diploma, the equivalent of at least 900 hours' duration, comprising:
 - (i) at least 450 hours of programmed training, and
 - (ii) at least 15 days' workplace experience,
- (c) in the case of SLT the equivalent of at least 12 months' full-time work which includes a minimum of at least 90 hours' programmed training,
- (d) For the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b), one day comprises 7 working hours.

5.2 Timing and duration of workplace experience

- (a) *15 days of workplace experience, as specified in cls 5.1(a)(ii) and 5.1(b)(ii), is a minimum requirement.*
- (b) *A PLT provider may require an applicant, as part of a PLT course, to undertake more than the minimum requirement of workplace experience (additional requirement).*
- (c) *An applicant must undertake the minimum requirement –*
 - (i) *within Australia; and*
 - (ii) *concurrently with or after completing the programmed training of the PLT course.*
- (d) *On or after 1 July 2018, an applicant may only obtain credit for the minimum requirement if the applicant undertakes not less than -*
 - (i) *2 full days of workplace experience per week; or*
 - (ii) *4 x 4 hour sessions of workplace experience per week.*
- (e) *An applicant may undertake any additional requirement –*
 - (i) *within Australia; or*
 - (ii) *with the permission of the PLT provider, outside Australia.*
- (f) *A PLT provider may grant credit towards any additional requirement of workplace experience for any workplace experience acquired by an applicant up to 2 calendar years before the applicant commences programmed training for a PLT course, if the workplace experience was acquired –*
 - (i) *while the applicant was enrolled in an academic law course accredited for professional admission purposes by an Australian Admitting Authority; and*
 - (A) *as part of a clinical education program, internship or externship program of that law course; or*
 - (B) *in a legal office or during supervised placement in a law or law-related workplace; or*
 - (ii) *After the applicant has completed an academic law course, but before the applicant commences programmed training for a PLT course.*
- (g) *A PLT provider may grant credit towards either or both of the minimum requirement and any additional requirement of workplace experience for any workplace experience acquired by an applicant up to 2 calendar years after the applicant has completed the programmed training component of a PLT course.*