

Strategic Plan 2026-27

The Admissions Committee is established by the Legal Services Council (**Council**) under the Legal Profession Uniform Law – the statutory framework for legal profession regulation which applies in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia.

This Strategic Plan should be read with the Strategic Plan of the Council.

Goals

The goals of the Admissions Committee are:

1. consistency in regulation of admission under the Uniform Law and across all State and Territories, in the context of a common legal services market
2. regulation which is efficient, effective, targeted and proportionate in determining the standards for admission as an Australian legal practitioner, including for lawyers qualified overseas.

Functions

The Admissions Committee has important statutory functions, including:

- developing the Admission Rules
- giving advice to the Council about guidelines and directions of the Council relating to admission and any other matters relating to admission
- giving advice to the Council about any matters referred to the Committee by the Council.

Stakeholders

The Admissions Committee works closely with stakeholders in the Uniform Law jurisdictions including:

- local regulatory authorities including the admitting authorities
- courts and tribunals
- government departments and the Standing Committee of Attorneys General
- professional associations
- law course and practical legal training providers, and
- the representative body of law students.

This includes providing opportunities for information to be shared with, and between, stakeholders.

The Admissions Committee also consults and engages with stakeholders in the non-participating jurisdictions and New Zealand.

Working with the Law Admissions Consultative Committee

The Admissions Committee works closely with the Law Admissions Consultative Committee (**LACC**) to facilitate national consistency in admissions matters. The Committees meet jointly to discuss matters of mutual interest and common projects.

Priority projects

Consistent with the goals and functions set out above, the Admissions Committee has updated its priority projects as at May 2026. Other priorities may emerge, and the ongoing work of the Committee will continue. Projects in relation to joint law courses with overseas providers and the Uniform Principles for Assessing Qualifications of Overseas Applicants for Admission to the Australian Legal Profession will remain under consideration as resources allow.

Review of practical legal training
<p>The Admissions Committee and the LACC are leading a national review of practical legal training (PLT). The review will consider accreditation, competencies and skills and will incorporate issues of cost and quality.</p> <p>The Admissions Committee and the LACC will be consulting on and developing options for reform to PLT, with the aim of implementing national reforms to PLT from 2029.</p>
Accreditation of law courses
<p>The Admissions Committee, working with the LACC, is finalising work on how guidance for admitting authorities on the accreditation of law courses can be improved.</p>
Australia-UK Free Trade Agreement
<p>Following on from work undertaken as part of the Legal Services Regulatory Dialogue, the Admissions Committee and the LACC will be developing guidance for admitting authorities on assessing applicants for admission who have qualified under the Solicitors Qualifying Examination in England and Wales.</p>