

Frequently Asked Questions

Admission as a Lawyer in Australia for JGU graduates

1. I recently came across that my Jindal degree allows me to get admitted as a lawyer in Australia easily, is this true?
 - A. Yes, this is correct. On completion of additional requirements required by the Law Council of Australia, JGU graduates can qualify to be admitted as a lawyer in Australia. For further details, please check here: https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/files/web-pdf/LACC%20docs/202136163_30_Uniform%20Principles%20for%20assessing%20Overseas%20Qualifications.pdf and searching for “Jindal”.

2. What does the information in the link exactly mean? Which subjects do I need to complete?
 - A. In order for an overseas lawyer to be admitted into Australia, he/she must do 11 subjects. By virtue of holding a Jindal law degree, you can be exempted from seven (7) of them. The 7 are: Civil Procedure, Contracts, Company Law, Criminal law and procedure, Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Evidence, Torts. The four (4) subjects which be completed are: Administrative Law, Equity & Trusts, Federal & State Constitutional Law and Property Law.

3. What is the criteria for being exempted from the seven (7) subjects listed above?
 - A. The criteria is extremely straightforward – you must obtain at least 65 marks out of 100. Which in Jindal’s case would be at least a ‘B+’ or ‘6.0’ GPA for each relevant subject. In the event you do not have that, there are chances that you may have to do that unit along with the other four (4) units.

4. Now that I know what I need to do, how do I go about applying for the relevant courses?
 - A. Firstly, you must have graduated, i.e. attended the ceremony, obtained your degree and transcripts. Secondly, Universities will not accept your application directly, neither will they assess your Jindal degree and transcripts. This is done by the relevant State Legal Admission Authority (“SLAA”), which means you would need to decide beforehand which state would you like to practice law in. You may wish to consult an immigration lawyer before taking this decision. Each assessment costs on an average AU\$ 400. The relevant SLAAs are:
 - i. New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and Northern Territory: www.lpab.justice.nsw.gov.au
 - ii. South Australia and Victoria: www.lawadmissions.vic.gov.au
 - iii. Tasmania: <https://lst.org.au>



iv. Western Australia: www.lpbwa.org.au/Home.aspx

Please Note: An English Proficiency Test is required to be completed in most of States a score of 8 in Writing, 7.5 in Speaking, and 7 each in Reading and Listening (IELTS standards).

5. I've visited the website, contacted the relevant person and submitted my forms and fees, what next?
 - A. Ideally, the assessment is completed within 4 – 6 weeks but this duration differs from state to state. Once the certificate is sent to you by the relevant assessing body, you must send this assessment to the Universities of your choice and they will guide you further on which courses to take and how to apply for them.

6. I've completed all the above formalities, will I be admitted as a lawyer upon completion of the subjects I am required to do?
 - A. No, after completing the required subjects, you will be required to do the Practical Legal Training (“**PLT**”). Think of this as a Bar Exam which must be taken in order to be admitted. All details pertaining to the PLT can be accessed online after searching for “PLT Australia” or ‘PLT Providers Australia’. This is a one-year course which is ideally completed while working, please consult with the relevant provider if it would be possible to obtain a student visa for the PLT.

Once you have completed the required subjects and met all other conditions as required under the assessment letter, you are eligible to be admitted as a lawyer in the State where you completed your requirements. You are required to attend the admission ceremony and pay the requisite fees for admission.

We hope this FAQ is helpful, if you have any further questions please contact cias@jgu.edu.in.