

Overseas Students

Additional Information

The College of Law's PLT Program is accredited as a Higher Education course in every state and territory and graduates are entitled to receive the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice.

The College is registered to provide the course to overseas students (CRICOS Provider Code 01793J) studying in Australia on student visas. Overseas students who seek a student visa for the sole purpose of completing the College PLT Program can only do the CRICOS approved course, which is the full-time Sydney Campus course.

Overseas students studying within their own countries may undertake the Coursework Component of the College PLT Program online.*

The College of Law is situated in St Leonards, which is a 10 minute drive from the Sydney CBD. St Leonards is a medium density housing and business area with access to all facilities including shops, restaurants, schools, hospital and railway station. The cost of living in Sydney is probably higher than anywhere else in Australia, but the cost of living in Australia, generally, compares very favourably with most OECD countries. Students should be aware that any accompanying school-age dependants enrolled in a government or non-government school in Australia will be required to pay full fees at that institution for the duration of the enrolment.

The College building at St Leonards contains numerous small-group classrooms, plus mock courtrooms, a law library and a large lecture theatre. Additional facilities include computer rooms, wi-fi hotspots and access to all necessary audio-visual technology. The course fee covers all course related materials, including The College of Law Practice Papers and online access to the College's student intranet.

Students must be proficient in written and spoken English in order to undertake the College PLT Program, leading to the award of the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice. In cases where the intending student's undergraduate legal qualification was obtained in a country where English is not the primary language spoken, the College requires that student to supply a certificate demonstrating English proficiency in accordance with the IELTS standard at level 8.0 (writing), 7.5 (speaking) and 7 (reading). For more information see www.ielts.org

Overseas Student Policies

Overseas students are referred to the College's refund policy in the Course Manual provided on our website: www.collaw.edu.au. It should be noted that the College's refund policy does not remove the right to take further action under Australia's consumer protection laws. In the event of default by the College, the Education Services for Overseas Students Act requires that any refund due to the student be paid within two weeks of default.

Overseas students are also referred to the College's dispute resolution policy in the Course Manual. In cases where the College's dispute resolution processes are inadequate to resolve the problem, the student may request that the matter be determined by an independent mediator. It should also be noted that the College's dispute resolution processes do not circumscribe the student's right to pursue other legal remedies.

The College provides or arranges counselling services where necessary. Overseas students requiring counselling should consult their lecturers in the case of academic problems, or the Manager, Student Services in respect of any other problems. The Manager, Student Services is located at the St Leonards Campus on Level 1.

Overseas students should be aware that the information provided by the student to the College may be made available to Commonwealth and state agencies and the Fund Manager of the ESOS Fund pursuant to the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 and the National Code. The College is required to tell the relevant government departments of changes to enrolment or any breach of visa conditions relating to attendance or satisfactory academic performance.

* Please note: The online course has two onsite components of two weeks and one week respectively. These can be undertaken in Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra, London, Melbourne, and Perth. See the course dates on page 12.

Accommodation

The College of Law does not provide student accommodation. However, for accommodation available locally or within the metropolitan region, visit our website at www.collaw.edu.au in each stream for accommodation options.