

THE EXAMINATIONS' FORMAT FOR PUPILS IN 2024

There are **five examinations**. **Two** will be held on **Wednesday, 17 April**, and **two** on **Thursday, 18 April** and **one** on **Wednesday, 24 April 2024**.

EXAMINATIONS ON WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL 2024

The first exam will be **Motion Court Proceedings and Information and Communications Technology in terms of Regulations 7(9)(b) and 7(9)(i)**. The reading time for the exam is fifteen minutes. The writing time for the exam is one hour.

The total number of marks allocated to the exam is 50 marks. The pass mark is 50%.

There are 7 questions. Pupils must assess how much of their time to spend on answers to the questions in proportion to the allocation of marks to each question.

The second exam will be **Trial Court Proceedings and Alternative dispute resolution in terms of Regulations 7(9)(b), 7(9)(d) and 7(9)(c)**. The reading time for the exam is fifteen minutes. The writing time for the exam is one hour.

The total number of marks allocated to the exam is 50 marks. The pass mark is 50%.

There are 6 questions. Pupils must assess how much of their time to spend on answers to the questions in proportion to the allocation of marks to each question.

EXAMINATIONS ON THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2024

The first exam will be **Criminal procedure in terms of Regulation 7(9)(e)**.

The total number of marks allocated to the exam is 50 marks. The pass mark is 50%.

There are 4 questions. Pupils must assess how much of their time to spend on answers to the questions in proportion to the allocation of marks to each question.

The second exam will be **Ethics and Constitutional law & customary law in terms of Regulations 7(9)(f) and 7(9)(h)**.

The total number of marks allocated to the exam is 50 marks. The pass mark is 50%.

There are 5 questions. Pupils must assess how much of their time to spend on answers to the questions in proportion to the allocation of marks to each question.

In addition to the usual 15 minutes to read the exam paper, pupils are given an extra fifteen minutes to read the question on Constitutional law.

OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION ON WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2024

This is a five-hour open book exam. Pupils are allowed fifteen minutes to read the exam paper. Legal writing and drafting in terms of Regulation 7(9)(g).

The total number of marks allocated to the exam is 100 marks. Any pupil who fails this exam must write the examination again during September 2024. The pass mark is 50%.

There are three questions. Pupils must assess how much of their time to spend on answers to the questions in proportion to the allocation of marks to each question.

Finally, if a pupil fails a one hour exam but achieves a mark of 40% to 49%, that pupil is eligible for an oral examination. The oral examination will take the form of an assessment of the pupil's overall understanding of the work required of an advocate. As such, the oral examination and assessment will concentrate on all aspects of the legal profession with particular emphasis on rule 24 **Levels of competence for admission and enrolment as legal practitioner** promulgated in terms of section 95(1)(q) read with section 28(2) of the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014.

24 Levels of competence for admission and enrolment as legal practitioner

[section 95(1)(q) read with section 28(2)]

Any person wishing to be admitted and enrolled as a legal practitioner must satisfy the Council that he or she has attained the levels of competence contemplated in the Act and the rules regarding the required knowledge, skills and values that will enable him or her-

- 24.1 to serve the public with diligence and integrity;
- 24.2 to apply the provisions and uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution of South Africa;
- 24.3 to practise in accordance with the rules of ethics of the relevant branch of the legal profession to which the applicant seeks admission and enrolment;
- 24.4 to promote measures and processes that enhance access to justice;
- 24.5 to apply relevant laws and procedures to resolve disputes;
- 24.6 to advise clients in relation to their rights and the appropriate action to be taken to enforce those rights;
- 24.7 to draft all legal documents which are required to be drafted in the normal course of practice in the branch of the profession to which the applicant seeks admission and enrolment;
- 24.8 to manage his or her practice in the manner appropriate to the branch of the profession to which the applicant seeks admission and enrolment;
- 24.9 in circumstances applicable to the profession to which the applicant seeks admission and enrolment, to apply appropriate principles of accounting relevant to his or her practice;
- 24.10 in general to conduct himself or herself in a manner that enhances the repute of the legal profession in terms of independence, integrity, competence and the promotion of justice in South Africa.

Note well: A pupil who passes an examination may carry that credit into future examinations for three consecutive years.