

LAW ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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INSTITUTIONS VALIDATED BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF ENGLAND AND WALES TO OFFER THE LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE

Section 15(1A) (d) of the Legal Profession Act Chap 90:03 (LPA) prescribes that a **national of Trinidad and Tobago** is deemed to hold the qualification prescribed by Law and is entitled, subject to the payment of the prescribed fees, to practise as an attorney-at-law in Trinidad and Tobago where he/she;

"has passed the Legal Practice Course at an institution **validated** by the Law Society of England and Wales"

In light of the transition in England and Wales from the Legal Practice Course (LPC) to the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) for aspirant solicitors, please note that the number of institutions offering the LPC has declined. In these circumstances, individuals seeking to read for an LPC are advised to ensure that their institution of choice is **validated** in accordance with Section 15(1A) (d). Individuals desirous of confirming the validation status of an LPC provider may do so through the Solicitors Regulation Authority website via the following link; https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/lpc/lpc-course-providers/

The Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT), through the LPA Chap 90:03, acknowledges its responsibility to provide for the reorganisation and regulation of the legal profession for the qualification, enrolment and discipline of its members and for other matters

relating thereto. In particular, PART III of the LPA addresses the criteria for one's admission to practice law in Trinidad and Tobago. As such, LATT urges all aspirant attorneys who seek to read for the LPC to be vigilant in their choice of an institution, as a certificate from an institution that is not validated by the SRA may adversely affect one's application to be called to the Bar of Trinidad and Tobago.

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