

IILEX Frequently Asked Questions.

1. What is the IILEX Course?

Ans: It is a Course that runs part-time Certificate & Diploma Courses in Professional Legal Studies in conjunction with the Irish Institute of Legal Executives & Provides those engaged in para-legal or legal secretarial work with academic & vocational training in para-legal studies, and a recognized professional qualification.

2. Who can do it?

Ans: It is open to anyone who has passed 5 subjects in the leaving certificate, anyone who has been working for at least 3 years or anyone who has been working 3+ years in any environment.

3. Do you need to have any legal background to do the course?

Ans: Although many people that do apply tend to work within a solicitors office it is open to all.

4. Is it possible to be exempt from any of the modules of the course or exempt from stage one of the courses?

Ans: It is possible but you need to send in a copy of your qualifications, along with the syllabus of your course and to fill out the application form. Once we receive this information we will look into enabling the exemptions for you and call you back when complete. Please also note that there is no exemption allowed for the second stage Diploma course.

5. What does the course focus on?

Ans: The course focuses on traditional core legal subjects as well as the practical application of legal principles in the work environment. The study of legal practice and procedure is undertaken specifically with the role, duties and responsibilities of the Legal Executive in mind.

6. What is the time scale, fees, schedule etc?

Ans: The course is taught over two years, in two stages. Each stage comprises eighteen weeks of lectures, and runs from January to June. Three and a half hour lectures are delivered in the evening, two evenings per week (6.30 - 9.30 pm). Certificates and Diplomas in professional legal studies are awarded on the successful completion of the first and second stages respectively. The price per stage, for the 2010 course is €2,000.00.

7. What are my options once I complete this course?

Ans: You can go straight into employment. You can also be exempted from the first year LLB If you wanted to complete the law degree. If you have already worked in a solicitor's office for 5+years you can sit the FE1s exams. It is best to speak to the Course Director of the course on the best option for you and how best to progress.