

Legal, Finance and Accounting: Legal

T Level outline content: draft final version

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Introduction

Outline content

This outline content has been produced by <u>T Level panels</u> of employers, professional bodies and providers, and is based on the same standards as those used for apprenticeships. The outline content will form the basis of the specifications for T Level Technical Qualifications, which will be developed by awarding organisations for approval by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. One awarding organisation will be appointed to develop and deliver each Technical Qualification following a procurement process.

Colleges and other education and training providers will decide how to structure the T Level courses they offer, based on the qualification specifications. This will enable them to deliver the study programme's mandatory components in the most effective way for students.

A T Level programme consists of a Technical Qualification, substantial industry placement, English and maths, and other occupation-specific requirements where essential for entry to skilled employment. This outline content relates solely to the Technical Qualification part of a T Level programme.

Further information about T Levels is available on the website of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education here: www.instituteforapprenticeships.org, and at www.education.gov.uk.

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Awarding organisations will need to ensure that students have an up-to-date knowledge of the legal and regulatory obligations relating to employment in the occupations relevant to the T Level, and understand the practical implication of these on their work.

Maths, English and digital skills are set out in a separate annex. Awarding organisations should integrate these within the qualification so that they are applied in occupationally relevant contexts.

Core content

The core content relates to the whole route 'route core', and the pathway that the Technical Qualification covers 'pathway core'. The core knowledge and understanding is assessed through an examination and core skills through a practical employer-set project.

The core knowledge and understanding focuses on the students' knowledge and understanding of contexts, concepts, theories and principles relevant to the T Level. This could include, where appropriate, assessment of knowledge and understanding relevant to the route and the pathway.

The employer-set project provides the opportunity to develop and apply a minimum range of core skills important for employability. The allocation of content to each type of assessment will need to be approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.

Core knowledge and understanding across Legal, Finance and Accounting Route

Please note references to 'business' and 'business organisations' are terms used throughout the outline content which are intended to be inclusive and encompass various types of establishments such as private, public, voluntary, sole trader, partnership, limited company, startup, franchises, international, etc.

Element	Content
The Business Environment	The role of business in society
	 The types of business organisations private, public and voluntary including: An understanding of common business models, structures, operations, and functions, and the roles within these enterprises including: An understanding of the standard types of business models, structures, key operational areas, functions and roles within businesses, commercial organisations, and enterprises, their purposes, legislative, regulatory, operational frameworks, main differences, and potential implications within straightforward legal, financial and accounting contexts Business models, including: A general understanding of how these differences have financial, legal, reputational, management, organisational, commercial, procurement and supply, taxation-related, and market, profit and growth-related implications in legal, financial and accounting contexts
	 Companies Acts and their purpose, including: Purpose and key elements of the Articles of Association Company directors' duties, including an obligation to promote the success of the company, to consider the community and the environment, the interests of employees, and to be fair to shareholders Rights of indirect shareholders Penalties and other implications of non-compliance Tax – UK tax laws – personal (payroll, employment and pensions), business related taxes, including an understanding of: The basis of taxation: Direct and Indirect The key taxes in the UK, including devolved and regional taxes Tax legislative cycle and how new tax law is formed

Element	Co	ontent
LIGHIGHT	•	The role and interaction of case law – internal and external customers/clients, including an understanding of: • The different types of stakeholders and their differing needs • Confidentiality issues Public sector organisational structure and culture
		 A general understanding of the role of the public sector in delivering services An understanding of the similarities and differences between the public and private sector, including an understanding of the ideas of 'accountability' and 'public administration' vs 'public management' Funding and financial control aspects of the public sector including Central and Local Government, the NHS and other relevant bodies The role of government in market failures (e.g. the banking crisis)
	•	 The decision making process The different types of decisions that occur in organisations, including decision making processes and models Cost v financial and non-financial benefits, including public benefit Ethics of decision making The impact of organisation culture and social responsibility on decision making
	•	The global business environment and role of financial markets in the economy
	•	 Fundamental business principles, concepts and practices within contemporary commercial contexts relevant to legal, financial and accounting, including: An awareness of the profit motive, capital and labour, business and commercial objectives, priorities and contexts (i.e. markets, customers, competition and competitors, growth, ownership and management accountability structures, revenue, finance, profit, shares, shareholders, investors, staff, remuneration, and labour-related issues such as skills shortages, recruitment, incentives, promotion, training, development, unions, industrial action) A basic understanding of legal frameworks, and of contractual principles and arrangements and their implications for legal, financial and accounting activities
	•	Drivers of change

Element	Content
	 How organisations respond to change relevant to the sector, for example: Political, ethical, social/demographic, technological, legal/regulatory and environmental
Careers within the legal, finance and accounting professions	 Roles and responsibilities of various professionals involved in the legal, financial and accounting sector and how those roles and responsibilities relate to and interact with each other, such as: Authorised Persons, such as solicitor, barrister, CILEx (Chartered Institute Of Legal Executives), licensed conveyancer, licensed probate practitioner, and legal support staff such as a paralegal, conveyancing technician or probate technician (educational pathways) Financial services advisor, risk analyst, insurance broker, commercial client relationship manager, mortgage advisor Financial accounting, management accounting, financial management and payroll administrator
	 The different aspects of professional services - private practice and in-house e.g. public, commercial, voluntary, such as: A private practice law firm owned by equity partners with employed staff, a limited liability partnership (a law firm where the partners have limited liability), a sole practitioner who works independently, sometimes with non-lawyer support personnel; an alternative business structure where professionals from different disciplines work together Public sectors - departments in County Councils, NHS, Crown Prosecution Service, Government Legal
	Services Commercial bodies - telecommunication companies, banks, E-commerce companies, Tech companies. Voluntary organisations e.g. charities and universities In finance and accounting specifically, retail and commercial banks, building societies, internet banks, investment banks, insurance companies and asset management firms
	 Routes to qualify as a legal, finance or accounting professional, such as: Routes into the Legal profession vary according to roles, for example: Barrister

Element	Content
	 Degree route including conversion if necessary Professional qualification such as Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)/Future Bar Training Pupillage Solicitor, currently Degree route including conversion if necessary Legal Practice Course (LPC) Higher Apprenticeship Legal Executive, Licensed Conveyancer or Licensed Probate Practitioner Professional qualifications Higher Apprenticeships Degree route followed by professional qualifications or a Higher Apprenticeship (L6 or L7) Other legal professionals (working under the supervision of a qualified lawyer), such as individuals undertaking a L3 or L4 apprenticeship, or professional qualifications to become a Paralegal, a Cost Lawyer, a Conveyancing or Probate Technician
	 Routes into finance professions vary, there are a number of possible career choices which offer diverse opportunities in financial services, for example (but not limited to) banking, investment and wealth management, insurance, risk and compliance. Geographically wide-spread and in a wide-range of organisations, there are roles for finance professionals working in teams and/or on projects that deliver various aspects of an organisations business, including serving large multinational corporate customers, providing independent wealth planning for retail customers, conducting financial markets research, settling foreign exchange transactions in real-time, etc., for example, depending on the specialism: Completion of professional qualifications through one of the professional bodies, plus relevant work experience to qualify to practice as e.g. Financial Services Customer Advisor such as Mortgage Adviser (Level 3), Financial Services Administrator i.e. Insurance professional (Level 3 and Level 4) Higher Apprenticeships e.g. Actuarial technician (Level 4), Financial Adviser (Level 4 Diploma),

Element	Content
	Paraplanner, Investment Operations specialist (Level 4) • Progression to graduate entry (Level 6/7) professional/senior professional certification e.g. Actuary, Economist, Financial Services, Insurance, Investment and commercial Banking, Compliance and Risk
	 Routes into the accounting profession vary according to roles (e.g. an actuary or accountant) in accountancy, payroll, taxation, audit and bookkeeping, for example: Accounting technician / bookkeeper through an apprenticeship at Level 3 or Level 4 Chartered Accountant through completion of professional examinations with one of the professional accountancy bodies plus 36 months of relevant work experience.
	Role of legal, financial and accounting functions within different private, public etc. organisations
Regulation	 The role of Regulators and their purpose and authority as licensing bodies, for example: Solicitor's Regulatory Authority (SRA) - "Looking to the Future" deregulation agenda - changes are being introduced, on a phased basis from 2020 Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx), Bar Standards Board (BSB) Financial Conduct Authority (FCA); Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), Financial Reporting Council (FRC) and the Pensions Regulator (TPR)
	 The types of regulatory requirements that govern professional services and customer/client engagement, including: Understanding the difference between information versus advice Regulated versus non-regulated products

Element	Content
	Regulatory safeguards to protect the interests of users of legal, financial and accounting services
	Financial crime and associated legislation including Anti- Money Laundering
	 Impact of regulatory change on the profession, case studies on, for example: Confidentiality clauses Data protection Money laundering Finance examples: the financial crisis and the focus on conduct; introduction of Financial Conduct Authority (FCA); case study of Payment Protection Insurance (PPI)
Professionalism and Ethics	 Professional conduct in the workplace An understanding of professional conduct and responsibilities in the workplace, and in different legal, financial and accounting contexts, including: Own role, responsibilities and scope, relationship to others, organisational structure, accountabilities and inter-dependencies, professional conduct and reputation, for example:
	 The different regulatory frameworks and standards, for example: Codes of conduct for the individual, organisation and professional Client confidentiality
	Rules of confidentiality and consistency in its interpretation
	Ethical standards and the need to observe these at all times
	 Ethical dilemmas for the individual, organisation and professional, including: An understanding of reputation, ethics, personal, professional, and wider, responsibilities which apply in the workplace, in commercial settings, and in different legal, financial and accounting contexts such as:

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	Expectations about professional conduct, behaviours and attitudes, their purpose and value; the importance of respectful behaviour, ethical decision-making, personal agency, organisational contexts, appropriate social interaction in different contexts for example formal, professional), sanctions for misconduct include a warning, a fine, suspension from practice and disbarment
	 Governance of organisations Agency theory The role of the board Corporate governance in the UK
	Social purpose and responsibilities of legal, financial and accounting professionals, examples of corporate responsibility
	The importance of maintaining professional competence
	 Professional scepticism including an awareness of the need for a questioning attitude and robust challenge, where appropriate
Security and risk	The importance of maintaining privacy and confidentiality of company information, as well as that of clients and colleagues and the difficulties that may arise if these conflict with a duty of disclosure
	 Processes and protocols used to ensure internet security including cyber, such as: Moving IT processing and data to servers located outside a (law) firm Encryption of files and emails Keeping protection software up-to date How to deal with suspicious emails and attachments Use of insecure internet connections
	 Personal Data Governance and Protection, for example: Current data protection and impact on data management Payment Services Directive
	 Different types of risk and how they may be identified, managed and mitigated, for example: Conduct risk Fraud prevention

Element	Content
Equality, diversity and inclusion	 An understanding of equality, diversity and inclusion requirements, this includes understanding current relevant legislation e.g. Equality Act 2010, Human Rights Act 1998, including: An understanding of the nature and value of professional responsibilities which apply in the workplace; and, different legal, financial and accounting contexts, relating to equality, access and inclusion An understanding of fairness, respect and dignity; the value of cooperative practices and empathy; personal and collective responsibilities; personal needs and requirements and the needs and requirements of others; the general principles of good practice in equality, access and inclusion, and their value, as well as obligations in these areas Equality and diversity in the workplace, including: Protected characteristics Vulnerable clients Unconscious bias
Professional Services	The role of third party professionals/professional services in the provision of professional services, for example:
Jei vices	 Insurers Lenders Experts
	Professional indemnity, its purposes and limitations, including how Professional Indemnity Insurers impose their requirements and the impact of a bad record on premiums
	Standards of service and Service Level Agreements (SLAs), including the importance of working within the scope of the engagement and meeting delivery requirements
Fundamentals of Law	Relevant legislation and common law impacting upon legal, financial and accounting professions, for example Business Law and Contract Law
	The operation of the legal systems in the devolved nations as appropriate
	The role of the courts, tribunals and parliament in the development of law

Element	Content
	Customer protection under the law, for example Consumer Rights Act 2015
	The impact of law from international sources, for example European Law
Fundamentals of Financial Accounting	 Different types of financial data, their origins and reliability and how they are presented including: An understanding of elementary financial
	 principles, concepts and practices: The importance of finance in business A variety of elements within a set of financial accounts A range of basic accounting and finance techniques and using them in context Key considerations and issues for running commercial enterprises and projects, sources of finance, management of money, transactions, revenue, profit and loss, cash flow, solvency, and effective business and commercial practices, performance, and opportunities How this content links to relevant accounting, bookkeeping, and business mathematics requirements
Technology	An awareness of:
	Digital and emerging technology and associated benefits, risks and potential new services e.g. in relation to strengths and weaknesses of automated case management and commoditisation of professional services
	Digital transformation for example the process that begins by transforming an organisation including the latest digital technologies, predictive analytics, business process management (BPM) and crowd computing
	How the changes in technology and data or digital concepts will be used in the context of Legal, Finance and Accounting
	 Contemporary digital tools and software including: Electronic filing of documents for example Companies House, Tax returns Digital case/document/management systems (procedure and compliance)

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	 The impact that technology has on how analysis is performed Visualisation tools and software
	 Understand the history of reporting and how it is progressing to more visual and insightful tools including:
	 The main visualisation tools and when they are best used compared to alternatives
Research skills	The breadth of sources of knowledge
Drainat/Changa	 Reliability and accuracy of sources including an understanding of: How to plan research including an awareness of different perspectives The appropriate research methods to use including primary and secondary, qualitative and quantitative The reliability and validity of a range of information sources including fact, opinion and bias The appropriate use of information, plagiarism, paraphrasing and summarising Bibliographies and referencing in legal, financial and accounting contexts
Project/Change Management and Administration	 Project and change management approaches in legal, financial and accounting contexts, including an awareness of: How projects are defined, structured, reported on, and measured (e.g. GANTT charts) and technology used. The roles, responsibilities, structure and management of relevant personnel in project and change management practices Project and change management planning and control Quality, cost and time, and their implications Records and reporting How to support and improve projects through research, evidence and evaluation methods

Core knowledge and understanding across Legal pathway

Element	Content	
Professionalism and Ethics	The concept of legal professional privilege	
Research Skills	Research skills	
	Consider legal information from various sources of law and understand legal reasoning	
Technology	An understanding of how to use online tools and standalone applications consistent with the duties of lawyers to act in their client's best interest and confidentially	
	An awareness of the online and virtual court system in relation to civil and criminal matters from inception to completion	
	An understanding of how case management systems are commonly used by the providers of legal services to manage:	
	Client confidentiality	
	Conflict	
	Keeping client money safe	
	Data protection	
Fundamentals of	The English Legal System, including an awareness of:	
Law	The hierarchy and constitution of the courts of England and Wales	
	The principle of a common law jurisdiction	
	The interaction between common law jurisdictions	
	Binding precedent	
	The division between civil and criminal law	
	The sources of law	
	The basic principles of Judicial Review including an awareness of :	
	• Scope	
	Limitation	
	Nature of the test	
	• Process	
	Remedies	

Element	Content	
	The basic principles of Criminal Law, including an awareness	
	of:	
	The hierarchy and constitution of the criminal courts	
	The life of a criminal case from arrest to appeal	
	The trial process	
	The range of sentences available to a criminal court	
	The basic principles of Contract Law, including an understanding of:	
	Establishing a valid contract	
	 The requirements for establishing and forming a valid contract 	
	Identification and interpretation of the terms of a contract	
	Ways in which a contract may be considered defective	
	 Reasons why a contract may be deemed illegal, void or voidable and the ways in which a contract can come to an end 	
	Characteristics of typical contracts, related to:	
	 The supply of products/goods/services 	
	Employment	
	 Starting and ending business relationships 	
	Sale or purchase of a residential freehold/leasehold property transaction	
	Breach of Contract, including the various limitation period for bringing action typical to contracts, related to:	
	The supply of products/goods/services	
	Employment	
	Starting and ending business relationships	
	Sale or purchase of a residential freehold/leasehold property transaction	
	 The various remedies available where there is a breach of contract and an awareness of how remedies apply to typical breaches, related to: 	
	The supply of products/goods/services	
	Employment	
	Starting and ending business relationships	
	 Sale or purchase of a residential freehold/leasehold property transaction 	

Element	Content	
	The basic principles of Law of Tort, including an understanding of:	
	Common law and statutory duty of care, including awareness of:	
	 General legal tests governing duty of care in negligence 	
	Breach of duty of care	
	Causation	
	Vicarious liability	
	The typical remedies available in negligence claims	
	The Civil Procedure Rules relevant to Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols for claims, related to:	
	Personal injury	
	 Supply of products/goods/services 	
	The role of Alternative Dispute Resolution (principally Mediation and Arbitration) in place of court proceedings for claims related to	
	Personal injury	
	Supply of products/goods/services	
	Function and characteristics of typical defences for claims related to:	
	Personal injury	
	Supply of products/goods/services	
	Liability for, and assessment of, legal costs typical to claims related to:	
	Personal injury	
	Supply of products/goods/services	
The Legal	An awareness of:	
Services Sector	The legal services market and to include an introduction to the five occupational specialisms	

Element	Content
	Where law is practised, such as private practice and in- house (public, commercial and not-for-profit)
	The differentiation between contentious and non- contentious legal services
	The role of typical third party professionals/professional services in the provision of legal services, such as accountants, finance professionals, insurers, lenders and experts
	An awareness of the money handling aspects of legal services, including:
	The basic principles governing the operation of accounts under Regulatory Accounts Rules; including keeping client money safe
	Differences between client account and office account and typical client billing principles/processes
	Differences between non-billable and billable hours, fixed fee services and legal aid

Employer-set project

The employer-set project ensures students have the opportunity to combine core knowledge and skills to develop a substantial piece of work in response to an employer-set brief. The employer-set project forms part of the Technical Qualification and is a separate part of the T Level programme to the Industry Placement.

To ensure consistency in project scope and demand, awarding organisations will develop assessment objectives, which require students to:

- plan their approach to meeting the brief
- · apply core knowledge and skills as appropriate
- select relevant techniques and resources to meet the brief
- use maths, English and digital skills as appropriate
- realise a project outcome and review how well the outcome meets the brief

The awarding organisation will work with a relevant employer or employers, to devise a set brief that:

- ensures a motivating starting point for students' projects, for example, a real-world problem to solve
- ensures students can generate evidence that covers the assessment objectives
- is manageable for providers to deliver
- is officially approved by the awarding organisation and employer

For Legal, in achieving the assessment objectives and meeting the brief, students must demonstrate the following core skills:

 Research and analyse an area of law and legal principles and apply to a legal situation

For example

- create a briefing document for internal colleagues or supervisor to assist them in formulating specific advice
- Convey information clearly to lay and professional people For example
 - present verbally or in writing a case or other scenario based on a mixture of legal and factual content to a given audience
- Work collaboratively as a member of a team to develop solutions to a legal problem

For example

 draft a timeline for a supervisor detailing the information that has been obtained from the client and any additional documents or information needed

- Apply an ethical approach to meeting clients' needs
 For example
 - stimulate and participate in a discussion regarding ethical and professional conduct issues arising from a set of client instructions
- Demonstrate compliance with appropriate professional regulations For example
 - o draft a memo to an accounts department saying where money received from a client should be held and why



Occupational Specialist Content

Specialist content is structured into different occupational specialisms, which correspond to the apprenticeship standards listed on the relevant occupational map. Occupational specialisms ensure students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a level of competence needed to enter employment in the occupational specialism, and are organised around 'performance outcomes' that indicate what the student will be able to do, as a result of learning and applying the specified knowledge and skills.

The Legal T Level consists of five Legal Assistant occupational specialisms which provide the structure in which areas of practice law are grouped. Each occupational specialism comprises of a minimum of two practice areas of law and combines areas of law that are typically practised together and correspond to the established Level 3 professional qualifications routes. By combining areas of law typically practised together, the occupational specialism groupings follow the commercial structure of small, medium and large high street legal firms, and the providers of legal services that promote access to justice, such as the Charities sector and the Criminal Prosecution Service (CPS). This provides occupational specialisms which provide direct entry routes into skilled legal industry roles (and thereby support meaningful Industry Placements) and enable progression onto higher further legal education and training at Levels 4, 6 and 7, that may lead to eligibility to apply for various first professional Licence to Practice.

Occupational Specialism: Legal Services Assistant Business, Finance and Employment

Performance Outcome 1: Assist with the inception, progression and completion of legal services in Business, Finance and Employment Law

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
How businesses are formed and financed including sole trader, partnership and corporate entities	Progress the initial stages of taking instructions for a business or commercial entity
General appreciation of the roles and responsibilities of the owners and company officers and their duties in the context of:	Record critical dates in a business transaction and monitor progress on behalf a senior colleague
The day to day work of a director	
Key company documents and returns and their filing requirements	Assist in the preparation of Companies House documents for lodging under supervision of a senior colleague
Company meetings and shareholder protection	
Winding up	Provide basic advice on how companies contract with others and
 Statute and common law relating to companies (Companies Act 2006) 	execute deeds and documents
Limited Liability Partnerships and the significance of them as a business structure	Provide basic advice on the relative advantages and disadvantages of different types of partnership structure
Understand basic principles of Partnership and Agency law:	Provide basic advice on the authority, rights and duties of
 Creation – partners, agents, principals and third parties 	partners, agents and principals
Authority	Explain the different methods of financing a business and the
Rights and Duties	documents required
Termination	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Types of agency in common use	Assist in the production documents required for business finance
Statute and common law relating to partnership (Partnership Act 1890) Understand the basic principles of the law of tort, relating to:	Conduct extended research, for a senior colleague, of available texts to explore the damages recoverable from a breach of duty of care
Negligence	
 Product liability: Civil wrong distinguished from criminal wrong Duty of care in a business context 	Conduct extended research, for a senior colleague, of available texts to explain the legal effect of an exclusion clause in contract and tort and its potential limitations in certain situations
Strict liability and vicarious liability especially in an employer/employee situation	Outline the legal issues arising from a breach of contract/misrepresentation and the possible remedies
Understand the basic principles of contract law as they affect the business relationship:	Collate evidence to support decision making on the different insolvency procedures for companies
 Sale of goods and services including consumer protection and rights Misrepresentation Breach of Contract and remedies 	Collate evidence to support decision making on the advantages and disadvantages of the different insolvency procedures for individuals
Understand the basic principles of finance law	Summarise a set of facts relating to an employment issue, separating fact from emotion, and explain to a senior colleague how an employment claim could result
The different methods of financing a business:Bank accounts and loans	Summarise how businesses and business people are taxed and the consequences

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Current accounts, combined accounts, joint accounts	
 Transferring funds/payment systems 	Assist with the completion of an insurance proposal form and
 Liability of credit card providers in relation to sale of goods and services 	provide advice to a senior colleague about the information that must be disclosed
 Security for bank lending (overdrafts, loans, mortgages, pledges, book debts) 	Prepare an insurance claim on behalf of a client e.g. a claim
Guarantees	relating to loss or damage to goods
Non-bank lending	
Consumer protection	
Understand the basic principles of Insolvency law and be able to provide advice to a senior colleague, in respect of any of the following:	
The consequences of corporate failure	
 Company Insolvency (compulsory liquidation and voluntary liquidation) 	
Administration	
Company Voluntary Arrangements	
 Insolvent partnerships and the consequences for the partners 	
The consequences of personal financial failure	
Bankruptcy and Debt Relief orders	
Individual Voluntary Arrangements	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Understand basic principles of employment law and be able to provide advice to a senior colleague, in respect of any of the following:	
 What it is, how it works and who it seeks to protect 	
Employee rights	
Differences between employed status and self employed	
 Contracts of employment including terms, rights, notice, duties, responsibilities of employee and employer. Other examples of demonstrable knowledge to a senior colleague are: 	
 Termination of contract of employment including by mutual agreement, constructive dismissal, summary dismissal and how to make a complaint 	
 Unfair dismissal including eligibility for a claim, burden of proof/evidence for unfair dismissal, automatic reasons, capability, redundancy, legal/illegal dismissal, employer responsibility and solutions, potential awards 	
 Wrongful dismissal including repudiation, employer responsibilities and solutions, and how to make a claim 	
 Fair procedures (e.g. ACAS (The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service)) 	
 Commencement of an employment tribunal claim 	
• Remedies	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Contracts for services	
 Discrimination, protected characteristics, direct and indirect discrimination, harassment, victimisation, burden of proof, positive actions, employer responsibilities and solutions 	
 Knowledge of Equality Act 2010 	
 Zero hours contracts 	
Agency workers	
 Implied terms 	
 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and related legislation 	
The Taxation regimes in business:	
 Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Corporation Tax and VAT 	
How taxation impacts on business life	
Consequences of non-payment of tax	
 The role of lawyers in tax advisory work 	
Understand the principles of Insurance:	
Nature of Insurance	
Utmost good faith/bad faith	
Insurable Interest	
Insurable risks	
Persons Insured	
Making a claim	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Insurer's defences	
Waiver and Estoppel	
Measure of Recovery	
Public Liability	

Performance Outcome 2: Carry out legal and factual research and present findings both orally and in writing in Business, Finance and Employment Law

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
How businesses are formed and financed including sole trader, partnership and corporate entities	Analyse facts for potential issue in a business situation to establish legal significance and suggest possible solutions
Understand the different roles and responsibilities of the owners, company officers and their duties:	Use databases to find key information, for example Companies House, insolvency searches through the Insolvency Service website and the Land Registry
The day to day work of a director	website and the Land Registry
 Key company documents and returns and their filing requirements 	Analyse a company's constitution, in order to:
Company meetings, shareholder protection	Ascertain shareholders' rights
Winding up	 Explain requirements regarding meetings (shareholders and directors)
 Statute and common law relating to companies (Companies Act 2006) 	Review a partnership situation to establish roles of
 Limited Liability Partnerships and the significance of them as a business structure 	partners and other parties
Understand the basic principles of Partnership and Agency law:	Present summaries of cases to colleagues for further consideration as evidence
 Creation – partners, agents, principals and third parties Authority 	Use standard forms and precedents and understand their limitations
Rights and Duties	
Termination	
Types of agency in common use	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
 Statute and common law relating to partnership (Partnership Act 1890) 	
Understand the basic principles of the law of tort relating to:	
Negligence	
Product liability	
Civil wrong distinguished from criminal wrong	
 Duty of care in a business context 	
Strict liability and vicarious liability especially in an employer/employee situation	
Understand the basic principles of contract law as they affect the business relationship:	
 Sale of goods and services including consumer protection and rights 	
Misrepresentation	
Breach of Contract and remedies	
Understand the basic principles of finance law	
The different methods of financing a business:	
Bank accounts and loans	
 Current accounts, combined accounts, joint accounts 	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Transferring funds/payment systems	
 Liability of credit card providers in relation to sale of goods and services 	
 Security for bank lending (overdrafts, loans, mortgages, pledges, book debts) 	
Guarantees	
Non-bank lending	
Consumer protection	
 provide advice to a senior colleague in respect of any of the following: The consequences of corporate failure Company Insolvency (compulsory liquidation and voluntary liquidation) Administration 	
 Company Voluntary Arrangements 	
 Insolvent partnerships and the consequences for the partners 	
The consequences of personal financial failure	
Bankruptcy and Debt Relief orders	
Individual Voluntary Arrangements	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Understand basic principles of employment law and be able to provide advice to a senior colleague in respect of any of the following:	
 What it is, how it works and who it seeks to protect 	
Employee rights	
 Differences between employed status and self employed 	
 Contracts of employment including terms, rights, notice, duties, responsibilities of employee and employer. Other examples of demonstrable knowledge to a senior colleague are: 	
 Termination of contract of employment including by mutual agreement, constructive dismissal, summary dismissal and how to make a complaint 	
 Unfair dismissal including eligibility for a claim, burden of proof/evidence for unfair dismissal, automatic reasons, capability, redundancy, legal/illegal dismissal, employer responsibility and solutions, potential awards 	
 Wrongful dismissal including repudiation, employer responsibilities and solutions, how to make a claim 	
 Fair procedures (e.g. ACAS (The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service)) 	
 Commencement of an employment tribunal claim 	
• Remedies	
Contracts for services	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
 Discrimination, protected characteristics, direct and indirect discrimination, harassment, victimisation, burden of proof, positive actions, employer responsibilities and solutions 	
 Knowledge of Equality Act 2010 	
Zero hours contracts	
Agency workers	
Implied terms	
Understand the basic the Taxation regimes likely to be encountered in ordinary business activities, e.g. Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Corporation Tax and VAT; how taxation impacts on business life, including the Consequences of non-payment of tax:	
The role of lawyers in tax advisory work	
Understand the basic principles of Insurance:	
Nature of Insurance	
Utmost good faith/bad faith	
Insurable Interest	
Insurable risks	
Persons Insured	
Making a claim	
Insurer's defences	
Waiver and Estoppel	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Measure of Recovery	
Public Liability	

Performance Outcome 3: Draft legal documents and standard legal communications in Business, Finance and Employment Law, for review by a supervisor

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
How businesses are formed and financed including sole trader, partnership and corporate entities	Under the guidance and supervision by a senior colleague, using standard forms and precedents and recognising their limitations:
Understand the different roles and responsibilities of the owners; company officers and their duties: The day to day work of a director Key company documents and returns and their filing requirements Company meetings, shareholder protection Winding up Statute and common law relating to companies (Companies Act 2006) Limited Liability Partnerships and the significance of them as a business structure Understand the basic principles of Partnership and Agency law: Creation – partners, agents, principals and third parties Authority Rights and Duties	 Prepare routine board minutes and resolutions to be reviewed by a senior colleague Draft an agency agreement to be reviewed by a senior colleague Draft a partnership agreement to be reviewed by a senior colleague Prepare a contract including a contract of employment to be reviewed by a senior colleague Prepare statutory demands and other insolvency documents to be reviewed by a senior colleague
Termination	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Types of agency in common use	
Statute and common law relating to partnership (Partnership Act 1890)	
Understand the basic principles of the law of tort relating to:	
Negligence	
Product liability	
 Civil wrong distinguished from criminal wrong 	
Duty of care in a business context	
 Strict liability and vicarious liability especially in an employer/employee situation 	
Understand the basic principles of contract law as they affect the business relationship:	
 Sale of goods and services including consumer protection and rights 	
Misrepresentation	
Breach of Contract and remedies	
Understand the basic principles of finance law	
The different methods of financing a business:	
Bank accounts and loans	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Current accounts, combined accounts, joint accounts	
 Transferring funds/payment systems 	
 Liability of credit card providers in relation to sale of goods and services 	
 Security for bank lending (overdrafts, loans, mortgages, pledges, book debts) 	
Guarantees	
Non-bank lending	
Consumer protection	
 Understand the basic principles of Insolvency law and be able to provide advice to a senior colleague, in respect of any of the following: The consequences of corporate failure 	
 Company Insolvency (compulsory liquidation and voluntary liquidation) 	
Administration	
Company Voluntary Arrangements	
 Insolvent partnerships and the consequences for the partners 	
The consequences of personal financial failure	
Bankruptcy and Debt Relief orders	
Individual Voluntary Arrangements	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Understand the basic principles of employment law:	
What it is, how it works and who it seeks to protect	
Employee rights	
Differences between employed status and self employed	
 Contracts of employment including terms, rights, notice, duties, responsibilities for employee and employer 	
Contracts for services	
 Discrimination including Equality Act 2010, protected characteristics, direct and indirect discrimination, harassment, victimisation, burden of proof, positive actions, employer responsibilities and solutions 	
Zero hours contracts	
Agency workers	
Implied terms	
 Termination of contract of employment including by mutual agreement, constructive dismissal, summary dismissal and how to make a complaint 	
 Unfair dismissal including eligibility for a claim, burden of proof/evidence for unfair dismissal, automatic reasons, capability, redundancy, legal/illegal dismissal, employer responsibility and solutions, potential awards 	
 Wrongful dismissal including repudiation, employer responsibilities and solutions, how to make a claim 	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
 Fair procedures (e.g. ACAS (The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service)) 	
 Commencement of an employment tribunal claim 	
Remedies	
 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and related legislation 	
The Taxation regimes in business:	
 Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Corporation Tax and VAT 	
How taxation impacts on business life	
Consequences of non-payment of tax	
The role of lawyers in tax advisory work	
Principles of Insurance:	
Nature of Insurance	
Utmost good faith/bad faith	
Insurable Interest	
Insurable risks	
Persons Insured	
Making a claim	
Insurer's defences	
Waiver and Estoppel	
Measure of Recovery	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Public Liability	

Occupational Specialism: Legal Services Assistant Dispute Resolution

Performance Outcome 1: Assist with the inception, progression and completion of legal services in Dispute Resolution

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of statutory and common law applicable to negligence and contract including the Limitation Act 1980	Review and summarise strengths and weaknesses of the evidence in a case
The professional duty to the client, the court and others	Prepare the documentation under supervision for the issue of proceedings and applications
The duty to the court, including the overriding objective	Review documents for a case for disclosure and inspection
The role of counsel including advising on a matter and representing client interest	Maintain critical dates diary and action as necessary
An understanding of:	Calculate relevant interest on claim for damages
Civil Procedure Rules relevant to the following:	
 Practice Direction – Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols Pre-Action Protocols for Personal Injury and clinical negligence claims 	Make arrangements for trial, for example counsel, witness and client
Issue and service of proceedings	Prepare documents for statements of costs preparatory to interim hearing
The court's case management powers, including allocation to track and sanctions	Prepare file for cost drafting

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Disclosure and inspection	
Statements of case and witness statements	
The role of expert witnesses and the use of experts' reports	
Remedies available to a client	
Interim applications including evidential requirements	
Disposal or compromise of claims without trial, for example default judgement, summary judgement and settlement	
Alternative dispute resolution processes	
Trial procedure	
Enforcement of judgements	
Liability for, and assessment of, costs:	
General costs principles	
Costs budgets	
Fixed costs	
Summary assessment	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Detailed assessment	
Effect of qualified one-way costs shifting	

Performance Outcome 2: Carry out legal and factual research and present findings both orally and in writing in Dispute Resolution

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of:	Research and investigate factual basis of a claim
Statutory and common law applicable to tort and contract including the Limitation Act 1980	Interview a client and witnesses in a straightforward matter
Sources of law: relevant statutory and common law	Research relevant applicable law (statutory and common law) to a claim
Nature, function and source of lay evidence	
Nature, function and source of documentary evidence	Conduct research from available sources e.g. Judicial College Guidelines to research and evaluate damages in a claim
Nature, function and source of expert evidence	Source and present supporting evidence for a claim
Relevance and reliability of sources of evidence	
Remedies	

Performance Outcome 3: Draft legal documents and standard legal communications in Dispute Resolution, for review by a supervisor

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An awareness of:	Draft documents to commence a claim, under supervision,
Statutory and common law applicable to tort and contract	including:
including the Limitation Act 1980	A letter of claim
The Civil Dress down Dules in studies the Drestice Direction Dre	A claim notification form / claim form
The Civil Procedure Rules including the Practice Direction – Pre- Action Conduct and Protocols (Pre-action protocols for personal	A schedule of loss
injury and clinical negligence claims)	Draft a list of documents
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Issuing proceedings	Draft a witness statement for review by a senior colleague
Disclosure and inspection	Draft attendance notes recording discussions from meetings and
	conferences
An understanding of:	
	Draft an interim application notice with a statement
The professional duty to the client and others	
	Draft index for brief/instructions to counsel
The duty to the court, including the overriding objective	
Destination of the state of the	Draft written communications to client by way of updates
Drafting principles: statements of case and witness statements	
	Draft routine correspondence to opponent, court and others
Interim applications including issue and conduct	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Remedies available to a client Liability for, and assessment of, costs	

Occupational Specialism: Legal Services Assistant Private Client (Family Law, Wills and Probate, Conveyancing)

Performance Outcome 1: Assist with the inception, progression and completion of legal services in Conveyancing

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of: Principles of Land Law	Outline the chronological steps in/process of a standard non- complex residential sale and purchase of:
Principles of non-contentious Property Law (residential freehold/leasehold conveyancing) legal matters relating to the transfer of ownership of land or property from a seller to a buyer; as well as legal advice and/or work carried out in connection with any transaction that creates, varies, transfers or discharges a legal or equitable interest in any real property Principles of Trust Law	 A transaction of registered freehold land from initial instructions to post-completion A registered leasehold land; and, Be able to describe commonhold Outline the typical Requirements of mortgage lenders, including consideration of money laundering issues Consequences and Remedies for breach of the Sale
 An understanding of commercial freehold/leasehold conveyancing Mortgage offers and the requirement to deal with them in accordance with the Council for Mortgage Lenders (CML) Handbook or the Building Societies Association (BSA) Mortgage Instructions Awareness of the market place in which the business operates 	Contract • Risks to the consumer and the business associated with conveyancing transactions

Performance Outcome 2: Assist with the inception, progression and completion of legal services in Probate

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of:	Outline the reasons for making a will and explain:
Principles of Land Law	The types of will and common provisions which appear in Wills
Principles of non-contentious Property Law (Trust and property law and relationship with probate)	The typical considerations when taking a preliminary instruction for a Will or Codicil
Principles of Law of Wills, Succession and Intestacy	Explain the main probate roles for individuals, such as:
Principles of Non-contentious Probate Rules 1987	 Personal Representatives - Beneficiaries, Creditors, Executor, Administrator, Guardians, and Trustees
An awareness of tax and tax liabilities and forms, such as the type	Outline what is intended by:
of information required for tax purposes, such as:	The rules of entitlement to a Grant, and
 Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax and Inheritance Tax and principal tax exemptions; and reliefs of the estate and the application of these taxes to Wills and 	The rules of Intestate Succession
Succession	Sequence the procedure leading to issue of the Grant
An understanding of the importance of wishes around funeral arrangements	Outline the chronological steps that are the administrative tasks needed to commence the administration of a standard non-taxable non-contentious estate
	Explain the probate terms associated with administering (a non-taxable non-contentious) estate

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
	Explain procedure(s) for collecting in the assets of the standard non-taxable non-contentious estate, their distribution and payment of debts for both solvent and insolvent estates
	Outline the purpose/nature of Financial Estate records - and methods by which different types of assets are distributed



Performance Outcome 3: Assist with the inception, progression and completion of legal services in Family Law

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of the fundamentals of Family Law relating to the divorce procedure	Outline the chronological steps to progress a petition of divorce to obtaining the decree absolute, including:
Principles of Family Law to obtain a financial settlement for those	Drafting and issuing a petition of divorce Application for the places price.
who are married and unmarried	Application for the decree nisi
Issues relating to children disputes, including:	Application for the decree absolute
 Understanding Child Arrangement Order applications in relation to: 	Identify the appropriate time to address a financial settlement
A child 'lives with'	
A child 'spends time with'	Explain the principle of financial disclosure and the meaning of
A prohibited steps order	'open' and 'without prejudice' offers
A specific issue order	Explain the use and implications of a Consent Order
Application process for making a care order, including:	
Application for a care order by the Local Authority	Outline the chronological steps /procedures in making an application to court for a financial settlement through to obtaining
 Representing parents as respondents in an application for a care order 	a final order; and, explain how the matter would progress when the financial settlement agreement is a) agreed or b) not agreed
Role of the Children's Guardian	
The role of mediation in Family Law	Identify the issues surrounding child disputes
	Explain the best course of action to resolve a dispute between parents

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
	Advise when it is appropriate to negotiate through correspondence and when it is necessary to make an application to Court
	Explain the Court procedure from making an application to Court through to a final hearing
	Explain the role of CAFCASS (The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service) and the Children's Guardian
	Outline the procedure for a care order application by the Local Authority, the various steps and the likely outcomes:
	Advise on the role of mediation in Family Law for both children matters and financial settlement

Performance Outcome 4: Carry out legal and factual research and present findings both orally and in writing in Private Client

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Sources of knowledge, such as: • Statute and statutory instruments	Source and accurately complete typical forms in order to progress the chronological steps required to conclude a non-complex legal matter, such as:
 Case Law such as from Bailii (British and Irish Legal Information Institute) online library Professional journals Conveyancing forms: Law Society TransAction forms and CPSEs (Commercial Property Standard Enquiries) Stamp Duty Land Tax forms (variable rents, second homes, offshore ownership, deferred consideration etc.) Complete AML checks Local Authority and other searches Contract for sale and TR1 (property transfer/land registry) Pre/Post exchange searches i.e. bankruptcy and land registry searches 	 A standard non-complex residential sale and purchase transaction of registered freehold and leasehold land from initial instructions to post-completion; and The administration of a standard non-taxable non-contentious estate; and Complete a petition for divorce, application for decree nisi and statement in support and an application for decree absolute. Complete an application for a child arrangements order Present the principles of legislation and its effect on a particular matter in context to a non-complex legal matter. Outline the relevance of reported case law to a non-complex legal matter
Probate: • HMCTS • Probate registry • Sourcing 'missing beneficiaries'	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
 Identify typical types of tax and tax liabilities and the forms required for tax purposes, such as: 	
 IHT205, Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax and Inheritance Tax and principal tax exemptions; and reliefs of the estate and the application of these taxes to Wills and Succession 	
Family Law Ascertain and locate correct forms for divorce, applications for financial settlement and children matters from HMCTS form finder	

Performance Outcome 5: Draft legal documents and standard legal communications in Private Client, for review by a supervisor

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Characteristics of: • A Client Care letter (Terms of Engagements)	Complete the typical pro forma templates used to collate the information required from a client to take the initial instruction for:
File noteUndertakings	 A standard non-complex residential sale and purchase transaction of registered freehold and leasehold land from initial instructions to post-completion; and
Typical billing procedures:	A Will or Codicil; and
 Types of monies held in the client account Completion statements 	 The administration of a standard non-taxable non- contentious estate; and
Estate Accounts	 A petition for divorce, application for decree nisi and statement in support and an application for decree absolute; and
Typical documents that comprise a contract package, including Official Copies and the Sale Contract for non-complex non-contentious residential, leasehold and freehold registered transactions	An application for a child arrangements order Draft standard communications, for example letters and emails to:
 Wills and Probate: Wills and Probate precedents and prescribed forms to deal with a non-complex non-contentious administration of an estate Processes for notifying banks and other financial bodies and creditors of the deceased, including: 	 The court to file notices, documents and applications The other side to serve notices and documents Client(s) enclosing documents Other relevant professionals Third parties, such as Management Companies in residential leasehold transactions

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Awareness of the need to complete withdrawal and encashment requests	Collate appropriate documentation relevant to the legal matter,
 Dealing with nominated and jointly held property that passes outside the Will or rules of Succession 	such as: • Contract of Sale; and
Family Law: • Family Law forms, standard documents and processes	 documents to be included in the application to the Probate Registry; and Documents from petition for divorce to decree absolute Prepare client invoices

Occupational Specialism: Legal Services Assistant Crime and the Criminal Justice System

Performance Outcome 1: Assist with the inception, progression and completion of legal services in Crime and the Criminal Justice System

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of Police procedures and interview process including Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE), no comment interviews and identification procedures	Prepare an explanation for a client what will happen from arrest, detention, interview to charge and first appearance in court
An understanding of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) including Charging Standards, Code for Crown prosecutor and all responsibilities	Obtain outline instructions from client to assess referral to the correct legal advisor
An understanding of Private Prosecutions (other than those	Review and summarise evidence, summarise an offence and possible defences and present orally or in writing to a supervisor
commenced by the CPS) such as by the Health and Safety Executive, Local Authorities and Insurance companies, Environment Agency, RSPCA, Fire Authorities, commercial bodies and individuals	Prepare and explanation for a client the process involved in attending an identification parade to a client including a representative's role in identification procedures and identifying compliance and non-compliance with procedural rules
An awareness of Criminal Procedure Rules and their impact on/application to procedure An awareness of Key Criminal Law Legislation, such as:	Prepare an explanation for a client what will happen at a first appearance hearing, trial and sentence hearing, identifying the milestones in a criminal prosecution case
 Proceeds of Crime Act for cases involving lifestyle cases, Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for issues of compliance of all disclosure issues 	Outline to a supervisor the strengths and weaknesses of the prosecution's case against the client in preparation for a plea hearing at first appearance

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nts' instructions based on pre-sentence reports content in for mitigation at sentence
a supervisor the grounds for appeal, procedural rules, and time limits relating to appeal to higher courts.
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Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Basic understanding of the role of the probation service and preparation of pre-sentence reports and the relevance to the process	
An awareness of the process of obtaining a witness summons	
An understanding of Special measures - automatic and upon application	
An understanding of Retrials and the circumstances in which they happen	
Defendant Appeals from the Crown Court - sentence and conviction	
An understanding of when Attorney General's referencing is applicable, time limits and the process	
A basic understanding of the general sentencing options, including:	
 custodial, community, financial, discharges and ancillary orders such as sexual harm prevention orders and how to access these using legal text 	
A basic understanding of the victim's code and witness charter	

Performance Outcome 2: Carry out legal and factual research and present findings both orally and in writing in Crime and the Criminal Justice System

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
A detailed understanding of the key Criminal Law procedural text and the ability to access and navigate these as sources of knowledge, such as:	Able to identify and outline whether the charge is a summary, either way or an indictable offence and the impact of each in terms of venue for trial, sentencing options and costs
Archbold	
Blackstone's Criminal Practice	Use legal text and online resources to locate and reference an
Stone's Justices' Manual	outline for legal supervisor the current sentencing guidelines, key sentencing case law, ancillary orders that apply to the
Wilkinson's road traffic offences	circumstances of the case
Practitioner texts and resources for sentencing such as Banks on Sentence and Current Sentencing Practice	Research and identify to a supervisor the statutory defences for a particular criminal offence and a regulatory crime offence
 An awareness of alternative optional resources in support, including: Online resources such as CrimeLine, LexisNexis, Westlaw, Bailii (British and Irish Legal Information Institute) online library Online data and information sources such as google earth An understanding of the Sentencing Guidelines Council and the 	Locate relevant prison service instructions or prison service orders and apply to a particular prison law case Able to access online data or report to support clients account or defence statement
guidelines they produce An understanding of ancillary orders and the relevant case law, such as: • Criminal Behaviour Orders, Sexual Harm Prevention Orders and Restraining Order	Identify the Responsible person/company for charge under a Regulatory Criminal matter such as the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) order, a Health and Safety Breach or an Environmental prosecution

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An awareness of Prison Service Instructions, where to locate them and their effect	
An understanding of the adjudication system including internally to a prison and externally involving a District Judge	

Performance Outcome 3: Draft legal documents and standard legal communications in Crime and the Criminal Justice System, for review by a supervisor

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
A basic understanding of:	Draft standard client care and file storage letters, and amend as
Criminal Procedure Rules	appropriate:
	Complete legal aid application forms
Legal Aid Rules	Draft a client care letter with terms of engagement for privately paying client
Parole Board Rules	Draft a way and indictor out/information using avarages/
 Case of Osborn Booth and Reilly 2013 and other significant case law relating to Parole Board decisions (e.g. the John Radford/Warboys Decision) 	Draft a proposed indictment/information using examples/ templates
	Take initial instructions to establish and outline for a legal
Law relating to disclosure - Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996	supervisor, the answers to the questions under section 18 Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and draft the response
Law relating to witness statements - s9 Criminal Justice Act 1967	Draft orders using a template, such as a Sexual Harm Prevention order, Criminal Behaviour Order and Restraining Order
Special measures – automatic and upon application	Draft applications using a template such as an application to the parole board for an oral hearing and special measures application
	Draft letters requesting disclosure from prosecutor or previous legal representatives

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
	Draft a summary of a Parole Board decision that is suitable for public release
	Draft letters requesting transfer of legal aid
	Draft straightforward witness statements

Occupational Specialism: Legal Services Assistant Social Welfare and Immigration

Performance Outcome 1: Assist with the inception, progression and completion of legal services in Housing

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of:	Assess and explain clients' eligibility for Legal Aid
 Legal Aid, access to justice and eligibility requirements 	
 Key housing legislation including Housing Act 1985, Housing Act 1988 and Housing Act 1996, the Equality Act 2010 	Assess and advise on eligibility for Housing Benefit and other relevant benefits, including changes in circumstances and continuing eligibility
Homelessness – statutory and case law test for homeless	
eligibility and priority need Anti-Social behaviour legislation such as the Anti-Social Behaviour	Take preliminary instructions in a housing law matter, identifying key relevant information and conveying this accurately and precisely to the appropriate legal advisor, such as:
Crime and Policing Act 2014	a possession claim, a landlord dispute, a discrimination in housing claim
An awareness of relevant Welfare Benefits, for example Universal	
Credit	Advise a client about the relevant court procedure and powers of a court in a housing matter, such as:
An awareness of third parties and their roles and responsibility in relation to housing, for example:	a landlord applying for a possession order, a local authority applying for an antisocial behaviour injunction
 housing association, the Housing Ombudsman, Social Services and private landlords 	Advise a client about the statutory procedure for a homeless decision, including review and appeal
An awareness of other organisations involved in housing law, such as:	

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
National Landlords Association, Equality Advisory Support Service, Shelter	

Performance Outcome 2: Assist with the inception, progression and completion of legal services in Debt

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An awareness of: Relevant legislation relating to welfare benefits such as housing benefit, job seekers allowance, universal credit including procedures relating to benefit overpayments	Take preliminary instructions in a debt matter to assist a supervisor, identifying and listing key relevant information, including the nature of the debt, financial circumstances and personal circumstances.
 Relevant legislation relating to consumer and debt, for example Consumer Rights Act 2015, Insolvency Act 1986 	Undertake a Financial Services Register check, to establish
The Insolvency Service and their role in the policy and procedures for the debt sector	whether the company or individual is an authorised lender
 Insolvency practitioners and their powers and duties in relation to bankruptcy, debt relief orders and individual voluntary arrangements 	Give initial assistance to a client regarding immediate steps to take in a debt situation, for example in relation to bailiff action, contact with a debt recovery agency or other court action
Common terminology and procedures in money and debt advice	Undertake a preliminary assessment as to whether a client is
The position of secured creditors in insolvency situations, to include charging orders	eligible to apply for appropriate welfare benefits
An understanding of Bankruptcy, Debt Relief Orders, and Individual Voluntary Arrangements	Advise a client about the relevant court process (magistrates court, county court, etc.) relating to their debt issues and how these matters could affect them, such as:
An awareness of the Money Advice Service, their policies and	a fine, a county court judgment or a mortgage repossession order
An understanding of mortgage possession and procedures and how they could impact on insolvent situations	Advise a client about the different priorities of debt, including secured and unsecured debt, with analysis of significant factors such as the nature of the creditor, the extent of the debt, and how these debts could affect them and any dependants

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of third parties and their role and responsibility in relation to debt, for example:	Advise a client about alternative debt solutions to bankruptcy; eligibility for them and their effects, such as:
 the Insolvency and Companies Court, Citizens Advice and other voluntary organisations 	 Debt Relief Orders, Individual Voluntary Arrangements, debt consolidation and debt management plans
An awareness of the Financial Service Register and the Financial Conduct Authority	

Performance Outcome 3: Assist with the inception, progression and completion of legal services in Immigration

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of immigration, asylum and nationality law, including: Grounds for applications UKVI (UK Visas and Immigration) concessionary policies Grounds for lodging appeals, including human rights Consequences of a successful appeal	Take detailed instructions and statements to: Identify issues presented Assess the merits Identify appropriate points and evidence required Evaluate the weight of the evidence
An understanding of rights of appeal, time limits and procedures	Present verbally or in writing a clear opinion on a case to your supervisor based on relevant laws and policies
An awareness of relevant case law and precedents	Prepare, for review by a supervisor, oral and written representations for UKVI and other agencies
An understanding of types of evidence needed to support cases and appeals	Explain the outcome of a hearing decision, the implications for a client and the options open to them
	Explain to your supervisor the next steps including the merits of further appeals

Performance Outcome 4: Carry out legal and factual research and present findings both orally and in writing in Social Welfare and Immigration

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An awareness of fundamental principles of legislation, regulation and case law, in relation to:	Assess and outline the mandatory and discretionary grounds for possession
 Housing such as the Housing Acts, Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 Debt such as Limitation Act 1980, Insolvency Act 1986 Immigration, asylum and nationality law 	Present an assessment of a case, including potential claims, counter claims and defences such as Identifying the main defences to a possession claim and identifying potential disrepair claims and counterclaims
	Identify and outline all possible debt solutions in a case including both repayment solutions and insolvency solutions and prepare a written advice detailing the benefits of each option and the financial cost of each and the other effects
	Identify and present the time limits on debts, including when they started and the limitation period
	Identify and use the most appropriate sources of up to date information including, case law and other specialised subjects in a given immigration case

Performance Outcome 5: Draft legal documents and standard legal communications in Social Welfare and Immigration, for review by a supervisor

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
Characteristics of:	Draft an action plan for a client in relation to their debt issue
A Client Care letter (Terms of Engagements)	
File note	Draft a schedule of incomings, outgoings, assets and debts
An awareness of sources of legal funding:	Draft client care letter and standard advice letter in a:
Client	Housing matter e.g. in a possession claim,
• Public	A debt matter e.g. personal, secured and unsecured debt management
An understanding of Legislation and case law for housing, such as	Immigration matter e.g. from making a claim to appeal a decision to remove or deport an individual
Housing Act 1985 and Housing Act 1988	Draft chronologies for a court hearing in relation to a housing or
An understanding of Local Authorities and their powers regarding tenancy including introductory and secure tenancies	immigration matter
	Draft written representations in an immigration matter, including:
An awareness of key legislation and case law in immigration	grounds of appeal, and statements making use of relevant case law and human rights legislation
An awareness of legislation relevant to debt, for example	
Insolvency Act 1986	Draft witness statements in a housing matter, debt and an immigration matter
An understanding of Individual Voluntary Arrangements, such as	
criteria and impact	Complete standard court forms such as applying for or responding to a small claim for a debt or rent arrears

Knowledge specific to Performance Outcome	Skills specific to Performance Outcome
An understanding of judicial review in relation to housing matters and immigration matters, such as when it applies, and the procedure involved	Using templates, draft notices such as a notice to end tenancy on behalf of a local authority or a notice seeking possession Using a template, draft a Judicial Review pre-action letter in relation to a Housing matter and immigration matter