



COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION

ADMISSION FOR ENTRY FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR TO:

**NORMAN MANLEY LAW SCHOOL (Jamaica)
HUGH WOODING LAW SCHOOL (Trinidad & Tobago)
EUGENE DUPUCH LAW SCHOOL (The Bahamas)**

Legal Education Certificate - Two Year Programme

Applications are invited from holders of a first degree in Law obtained from a recognized institution in a common law jurisdiction (in accordance with Article 3 of the Treaty Establishing the Council of Legal Education), or holders of the Common Professional Examination Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) from a recognized institution (UK) together with vocational training, and who wish to be considered for selection for the Two-Year Legal Education Certificate Programme.

The GDL on its own is not considered by the Council of Legal Education (the Council) to be equivalent to the UWI LL.B Degree and therefore, does not qualify you for entry to any of the Council's schools. In order to qualify for entry, the GDL must be accompanied by evidence of formal vocational training, such as Bar exams, or the Solicitors Final Examination.

For the 2025/2026 academic year, the examination will be replaced by an evaluation of the transcript of the Applicant's Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree. This is in order to ensure that, in accordance with the requirements of Article 3 of the Agreement Establishing the Council of Legal Education, 1971, the degree is recognized as equivalent to the LLB from the University of the West Indies. The LLB degree of each applicant will be ranked in order of the Class/GPA for purposes of determining priority for placement at one of the Council's law schools, **WHICH IS SUBJECT TO SPACE AVAILABILITY.**

This is not applicable to holders of the University of the West Indies LL.B. degree.

Stale Degrees

A UWI LL.B, or a degree from a university or institution that is recognised by the Council of Legal Education as equivalent to that degree, which is ten or more years old, is deemed stale. Applicants with stale qualifications will be required to provide details of any practical experience garnered during that period between the award of the degree and their application to the Law Schools before applying to the Law Schools.

Applicants to any Law School who are unable to provide proof of practical experience will be required to successfully complete an entrance examination which would test knowledge of the core subjects before they are admitted.

The application form and instruction and information sheet are available from the website (in Forms and Documents): www.nmls.edu.jm

For further information you may contact

**The Registrar, Admissions Board
Norman Manley Law School
P.O. Box 231
Kingston 7
JAMAICA
(876) 927-1899/1235**

**The Registrar
Hugh Wooding Law School
P.O. Bag 323,
Tunapuna
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
(868) 235-4957/4958**

**The Registrar
Eugene Dupuch Law School
P.O. Box SS 6394
Nassau
THE BAHAMAS
(242) 326-8507**

All applications must be submitted to the Secretary, Admissions Board, Norman Manley Law School, 8 Ring Road, UWI, Mona, Kingston 7, Jamaica, W.I. along with a **non-refundable and non-transferrable fee** of US\$150.00 and **one recent passport size picture** no later than January 31, 2025. The relevant transcript must be sent directly from the awarding institution to the Secretary of the Admissions Board, Norman Manley Law School, 8 Ring Road, P.O. Box 231, Kingston 7, Jamaica, W.I. or electronically to Admissions@nmlscl.com by July 31, 2025.

Please see the Instruction & Information Sheet on www.nmls.edu.jm for further details.
Please see the Treaty on the website: www.clecaribbean.com

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.