



About Us

The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx) is the professional body for Chartered Legal Executive lawyers, legal practitioners, paralegals, law students and legal apprentices in England and Wales.

GRADUATE FAST-TRACK DIPLOMA

FOR LAW AND GDL GRADUATES



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GRADUATE FAST-TRACK DIPLOMA

Who's this for?

The CILEx Graduate Fast-track Diploma is for law and GDL¹ graduates who want to become lawyers without undertaking the Legal Practice Course (LPC) or Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) routes. This course typically takes one year to complete. No training contract or pupillage is required and instead of becoming a solicitor or barrister, graduates qualify and practise as Chartered Legal Executive lawyers.

Chartered Legal Executive lawyers can become partners in law firms, coroners, judges, litigators and advocates, immigration practitioners, conveyancers and probate practitioners.

Subject to meeting the relevant eligibility requirements, CILEx members can apply to set up and run their own regulated law firms providing reserved legal activities.

Key benefits:

CILEx can help you to improve your employment prospects; offering alternative specialist legal career pathways and tools to develop your professional identity.

- Unlimited access to online career tools & e-learning
- value-for-money study, entry and membership fees
- study full-time, part-time or via distance learning
- earn as you learn and avoid further student debt
- exemptions for prior learning and experience available
- CILEx Associate membership, eligible to use the designatory letters ACILEx after your name
- no training contract or pupillage required

HOW TO STUDY

You can enrol and study at any CILEx accredited centre, each of which sets its own course tuition fees.

The CILEx Graduate Fast-track Diploma is usually offered on a part-time basis during the academic year.

Alternatively, you can study via distance learning, where you can enrol at any time of the year and study at your own pace.

STUDY UNITS	GRADUATE FAST-TRACK DIPLOMA
Client Care Skills	Required
	Plus two legal practice unit options ²
Civil Litigation	Option
The Practice of Company and Partnership Law	Option
Conveyancing	Option
Criminal Litigation	Option
The Practice of Employment Law	Option
The Practice of Family Law	Option
Probate Practice	Option



QUALIFYING EMPLOYMENT

Once you have become a Graduate CILEx member (GCILEx) through completing the Graduate Fast-track Diploma you will need to complete a period of Qualifying Employment to become a Chartered Legal Executive and achieve CILEx Fellowship.

Applications for Fellowship can be made by Graduate members of CILEx who:

- are currently in Qualifying Employment
- have accumulated at least 3 years' Qualifying Employment, of which at least 1 year has been completed whilst confirmed by CILEx as being in the Graduate grade of membership and
- have been in Qualifying Employment for 2 consecutive years immediately preceding the date of application.

A person is in Qualifying Employment if they are employed either:

- by an authorised person in private practice
- by an organisation where the employment is subject to the supervision of an authorised person;
- by an authorised person employed in duties of a legal nature by that organisation;
- and in either case are working for at least 20 hours per week in work wholly of a legal nature.

More information about Qualifying Employment and Work Based Learning can be found at <http://bit.ly/cilexqewbl>

CILEx membership is a mark of credibility and accountability, your professional responsibilities are set out within the CILEx Code of Conduct.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

"The CILEx route is progressive, giving a student a sense of development and the reward. I am able to study in my own time and at my own pace."
CILEx Associate Member

"CILEx combines the studies in a classroom with the work experience that is always wanted by employers. That is why I felt it would be good to do."
CILEx Graduate Fast-track Diploma student

"Perhaps the biggest advantage of CILEx is the experience you gain. Applying the law in your job is invaluable. Friends who opted to go through traditional training cannot get fee-earning jobs because they do not have the experience."
CILEx Graduate Member

1. Graduate Diploma in Law 2. One of which must be linked to a law module studied as part of your qualifying degree.