

## **Guideline re PLT exemptions and workplace experience**

### **‘Workplace experience’ component of the Practical Legal Training (PLT) prerequisite for admission - Overseas lawyers and NSW government employees with extensive legal services experience**

Rule 6, and Schedule 2, clause 5 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Admission Rules 2015* (UAR) provide that a person undertaking PLT is required to undertake a certain number of hours of workplace experience.

Overseas lawyers can apply for a direction rule 11 of the UAR as to whether practical legal training obtained overseas is sufficient to render them eligible to be admitted here and, if not, for guidance as to what additional training they need to complete.

Persons who have completed seven or more years’ service as a NSW government, NSW government-related employee performing legal services or courts administration officer in NSW courts can apply, pursuant to rule 98(2)(c) of the *NSW Admission Board Rules 2015* for exemption from some or all of the practical legal training competencies set out in schedule 2 of the UAR, including the workplace experience component.

When one of those powers is exercised, an applicant who has completed at least fifteen (15) days of relevant workplace experience and who is informed they need to meet only *some* of the competency standards set out in Part 4 of Schedule 2 will not need to undertake the workplace experience component unless the Board has directed otherwise.

An applicant who is directed they need to undertake *all* of the competencies will be required to complete the workplace experience requirement unless there is a specific direction exempting the applicant.