

LETR - Impact on GDL

Introduction

We are one of the few legal professions in the world which encourages trainees with different backgrounds and degrees. The GDL students bring skills and experience which enhance our profession and they are among our strongest LPC/BPTC students.

The following summary provides information on GDL students in their route to qualification.

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Summary

- On average, student enrolments on GDL courses nationally have increased by 5.0% annually for the last 15 years
- Among the places taken up by full time GDL students nationally, 71% have achieved a 1st or 2:1 grade in their qualifying degree
- Key degree subject areas of College of Law GDL full time students are history, English, law (non-qualifying) and politics
- The type of university attended by College of Law GDL full time over a five year period is dominated by old universities/Oxbridge - in total representing 79% of the total intake
- The average pass rate of College of Law LPC and BPTC students over the last three years is higher among those who have taken studied a GDL than it is among those who have a law degree – 96% compared to 92% on the LPC and 98% compared to 93% on the BPTC
- In the solicitors profession, GDL students represent 25% of direct entry to the Roll – equivalent to an average of 1,360 admissions annually for the last 15 years

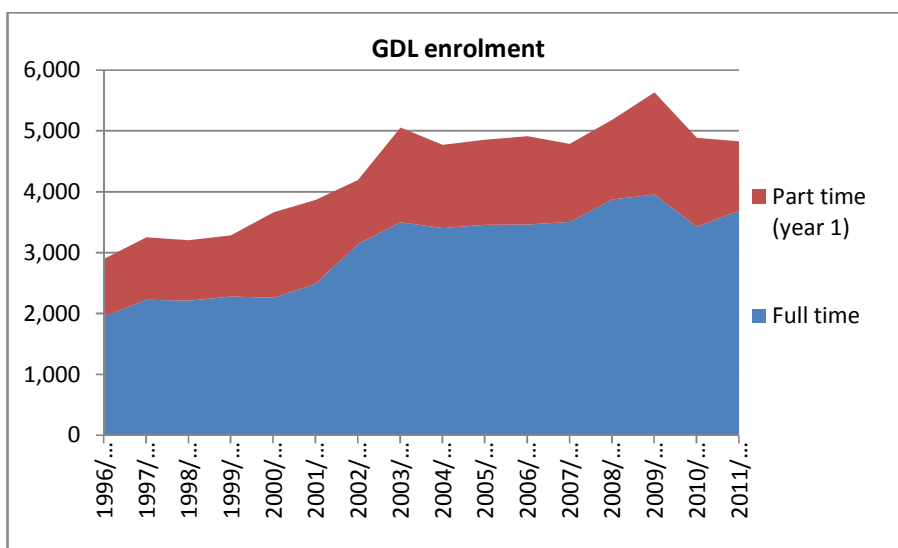
1 National GDL students

Enrolment

The trend in enrolment on GDL courses is increasing year on year – an average of 5.0% growth between 1996/97 and 2011/12.

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Full time	1,958	2,232	2,214	2,285	2,262	2,494	3,146	3,504	3,408	3,461	3,467	3,507	3,878	3,959	3,429	3,691
Part time (year 1)	948	1,023	996	1,000	1,405	1,376	1,052	1,556	1,366	1,396	1,447	1,284	1,307	1,677	1,459	1,143
Total	2,906	3,255	3,210	3,285	3,667	3,870	4,198	5,060	4,774	4,857	4,914	4,791	5,185	5,636	4,888	4,834

Source: CAB, SRA (2012/13 data not yet available)



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The number of providers and locations has also increased in line with demand. There are now 42 institutions offering a GDL course in 51 locations, an increase from 34 and 40 respectively in 2005/06.

The College of Law is the market leader for the GDL enrolling an average of 32% of national full time and part students each year between 2001/02 and 2011/12.

First degree grade

Among the places taken up by full time GDL students, 71% have a 1st or 2:1 grade in their qualifying degree.

1 st	18%
2:1	53%
2:2	13%
2	1%
3	3%
Pass	1%
na	12%
Total	100%

Source: CAB

Age

under 25	72%
25-30	17%
31-40	7%
over 40	3%
na	0%
Total	100%

Source: CAB

Ethnic origin

White	74%
Mixed	5%
Asian	11%
Black	4%
Chinese	3%
Other and na	3%
Total	100%

Source: CAB

2 College of Law GDL students

Degree subject

The key degree subject areas of College of Law GDL full time students over a five year period are history, English, law (non-qualifying) and politics – in total representing 40% of the total intake.

History graduates	16%
English graduates	11%
Non-qualifying law graduates	7%
Politics graduates	6%
Language graduates	4%
Philosophy graduates	4%
Business Studies graduates	4%
Geography graduates	3%
Economics graduates	3%
Psychology graduates	3%
Non-graduates	1%
Other subjects	38%
Total	100%

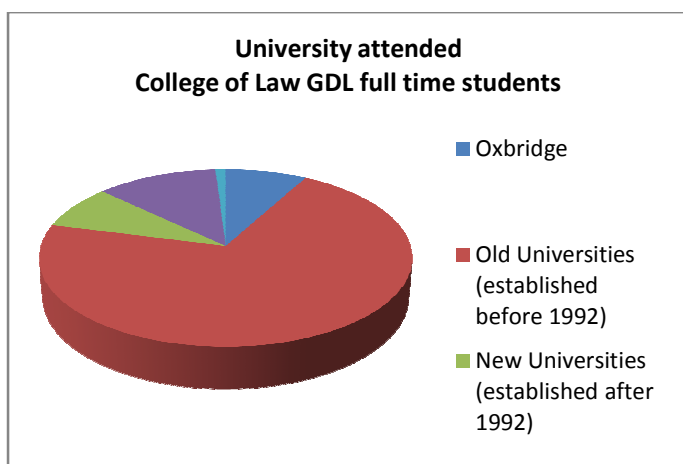
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University attended

The type of university attended by College of Law GDL full time over a five year period is dominated by old universities/Oxbridge - in total representing 79% of the total intake. Russell Group universities represent 45% of the total.

Oxbridge	8%
Old Universities (established before 1992)	71%
New Universities (established after 1992)	8%
Others (Overseas, Colleges of H.E.)	12%
Non-graduates	1%
Total	100%

Source: College of Law



Source: College of Law

Pass rate on the GDL

The average pass rate for College of Law students during the last four years is 93.2%.

Latest results

Completion year	Mode	Pass rate	Distinction %	Commendation %	Pass %
2009	FT	96.2%	16.7%	45.9%	37.4%
	PT	90.7%	12.9%	28.8%	58.4%
2009 Total		95.3%	16.1%	43.1%	40.8%
2010	FT	93.9%	19.7%	45.4%	35.0%
	PT	89.1%	7.5%	40.2%	52.3%
2010 Total		93.1%	17.8%	44.6%	37.6%
2011	FT	94.7%	17.7%	49.5%	32.8%
	PT	89.9%	10.7%	39.3%	50.0%
2011 Total		94.1%	16.9%	48.2%	34.9%
2012	FT	91.9%	16.0%	51.3%	32.7%
	PT	80.9%	13.4%	40.2%	46.3%
2012 Total		90.4%	15.7%	50.0%	34.4%
Grand Total		93.2%	16.7%	46.4%	37.0%

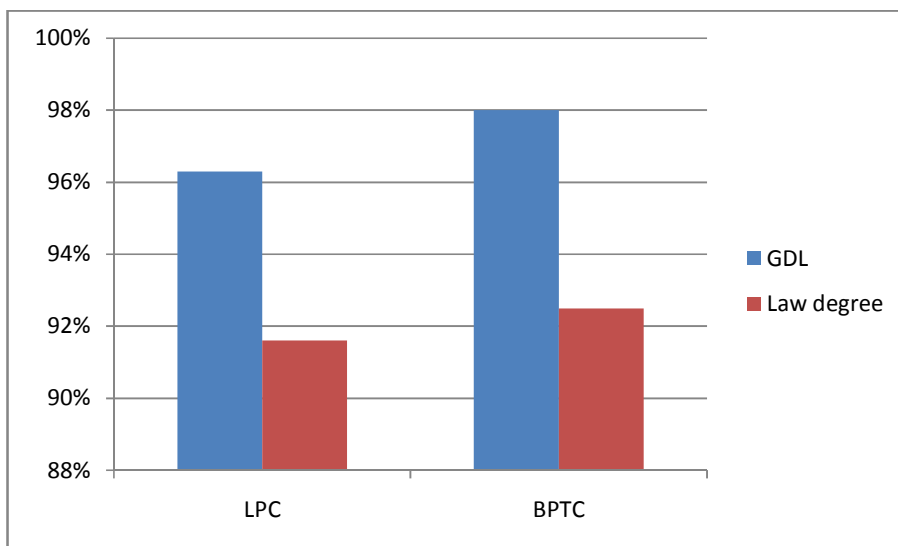
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Pass rate on LPC and BPTC courses

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Latest results		Total students	Pass rate %
LPC	GDL	4,017	96.3%
	Law degree	7,758	91.6%
	Total	11,775	93.2%
BPTC	GDL	347	98.0%
	Law degree	644	92.5%
	Total	991	94.5%

Source: College of Law



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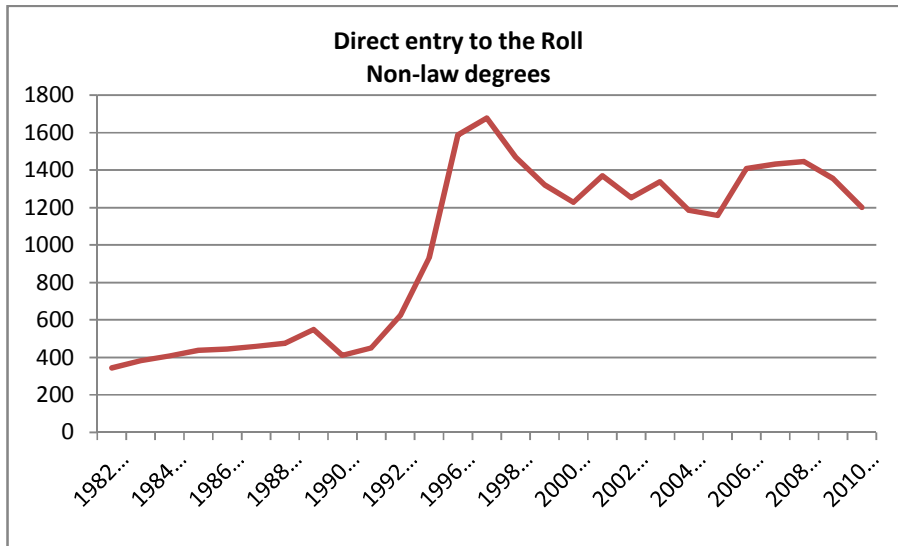
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Solicitors – direct entry to the Roll by GDL students

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	2010/11
Non-law degree	3,592
Law degree	1,201
Total direct entry	4,793
Total entry to the Roll	8,402

Source: The Law Society (2011/12 data not yet available)



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