Information about the 2014 examination

The examination will be based on the *Legal Studies Senior External Syllabus 2007*. It will consist of two papers.

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A list of the syllabus topics to be assessed in 2014 is attached.

**Paper One**

Paper One will consist of two parts:
- Part A — Knowledge and understanding (short-response questions)
- Part B — Investigation (questions based on case studies; responses of approximately 300 words in length are required).

**Paper Two**

Paper Two will consist of two parts:
- Part A — You, the Law and Society
  - Section 1: Jobs
  - Section 2: Consumers
- Part B — Law in a Changing Society.

Essay responses of approximately 600 words in length are required.

**Prepared research task**

The syllabus requires each candidate to complete a prepared research task during the year. Candidates will take their research material into the examination room to use when responding to one of two essay questions in Paper Two: Part A — Section 2.

Refer to page 6 of the syllabus for the methodology diagram that must be used to provide a framework for the research.

Although the research material itself will not be assessed by markers, it must be handed to the supervisor at the end of the examination. Research material allowed in the examination room may be handwritten or typed, and may include material such as notes, diagrams, references and quotations. All research material must fit on one double-sided sheet of A4 paper.
When responding to the selected essay question, candidates will be expected to use their research material to provide a legal response that:

- explains the current law
- evaluates legal and related social issues
- recommends any necessary reforms.

Research topic: Consumers
Candidates will research one of the following topics:

Either

Question 1 — Insurance
Consumers manage risk through use of insurance products such as life, health, home/contents, car and travel. Insurance contracts contain terms that specify the rights and responsibilities of both insurers and consumers.

or

Question 2 — Unfair business practice
On 1 July 1998, the responsibility for consumer protection in Australia was handed over to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Legislative protection against unfair practices is provided by:

- National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009 (Cwlth)
- Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cwlth)
- Sale of Goods Act 1896 (Qld)
- Fair Trading Act 1989 (Qld).

Research at least two of the above Acts.

Level of achievement
Each candidate’s level of achievement will be determined by applying the syllabus standards to an overall assessment of responses across both Paper One and Paper Two.

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Syllabus topics to be assessed in 2014

Paper One

The Legal System
- What are the sources of law?
- How are disputes resolved?

Crime and Society
- What are the rights of citizens and the powers of police?
- What are types of offences?
- What defences and excuses are available to accused persons?
- What are the consequences of conviction?

Civil Obligations — Agreements
- What constitutes an enforceable agreement?
- What are the remedies for breach of contract?

Civil Obligations — Civil Wrongs (Torts)
- What are the elements of negligence?
- What are the defences to negligence?
- What are some other torts?

Paper Two

Part A — Section 1

You, the Law and Society — Jobs
- What are the different types of individual employment or workplace agreements with various types of employers?
- What are the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees?
- How are workers’ health and safety protected at work?
Part A — Section 2

You, the Law and Society — Consumers

- How is credit arranged?
- What is insurance?
- What consumer protection is available against unfair business practices?

Part B

Law in a Changing Society

- What makes a good law?
- Do the features and processes of Australia’s legal system facilitate making good laws?
- What current legal issues relate to law in a changing society?