



EXAM INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

UPDATED FOR 2022 ONLINE EXAMINATIONS –VIA SYNAP PLATFORM

Although the format of the exams has changed, the syllabus for each exam has not.

The TOLES Exam (at ALL levels) tests knowledge of legal vocabulary from among the following areas:

- The details of real court cases
- Banks accounts and loans
- Contracts in common law systems
- Oral and written contracts
- Sole trader businesses
- Traditional partnerships and LLPs
- Limited companies
- Bankruptcy and insolvency
- Disputes and litigation
- Landlord and tenant
- The law of tort
- The liability of businesses for negligence
- The liability of businesses for nuisance
- Employment
- Copyright, patents, and trademarks
- Alternatives to litigation
- How the common law works



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The following information is taken from the official TOLES website and includes links to each level.

<p>FOUNDATION EXAM: The TOLES Foundation Exam DEMO - TOLES (toleslegal.com)</p>	<p>HIGHER EXAM: The TOLES Higher Exam DEMO - TOLES (toleslegal.com)</p>	<p>ADVANCED EXAM: The TOLES Advanced Exam DEMO - TOLES (toleslegal.com)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90-minute online exam • Tests essential Lower intermediate English grammar <p>The focus of the exam is on testing the absolute linguistic accuracy required of lawyers in a modern international office.</p> <p>This means accuracy in two main areas: technical legal vocabulary and grammar.</p> <p>Vocabulary from commercial deals, company documents, commercial contracts, intellectual property agreements, financial documents and forms of business are tested, as well as legal terminology from other areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90-minute online exam • Tests Essential Intermediate/upper intermediate English grammar <p>The Higher exam requires a more active use of language than the Foundation exam and requires learners to deal confidently with complex and recent commercially relevant case studies, extracts from contracts and other professional writing.</p> <p>It continues to test practical and useful legal vocabulary and requires the ability to provide precise definitions for very common words from commercial practice.</p> <p>It also asks for some knowledge of the appropriate register of language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120-minute online exam • Tests essential upper intermediate/advanced English grammar <p>The Advanced exam measures a candidate’s skills against a native English-speaking lawyer. In other words, any candidate scoring in the 81-100% category genuinely has very similar legal English skills to a native English-speaking solicitor, barrister or attorney.</p> <p>The exam has a heavy focus on the vocabulary and grammar required for contract drafting. It also encourages knowledge of the plain English style of writing favoured these days by leading commercial law firms.</p> <p>The candidates who score very well at Advanced level show an appreciation of the huge importance of absolute accuracy when working in law, as well as having a strong grasp of technical legal vocabulary. The exam also requires sensitivity to register, and an understanding of how formal and informal English is used in a professional workplace.</p>