

**Second Amendment
to the Minimum Standards on Entry Criteria, Prescribed Learning Outcomes
and Statement of Prescribed Knowledge for Qualifying Law Degrees**

The following amendments are brought to the Minimum Standards on Entry Criteria, Prescribed Learning Outcomes and Statement of Prescribed Knowledge for Qualifying Law Degrees.

1. Section 7 is amended as follows:

7. A student shall not be admitted to a qualifying law degree programme unless the student has demonstrated English language proficiency by obtaining one of the following qualifications:

- (a) IELTS Academic overall band score of 6.0 or above; or
- (b) TOEFL iBT overall band score of 4 or above; or
- (c) Certificate in Advance English (CAE) score above 180 (Grade C); or
- (d) Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) Score above 200 (Grade C); or
A score of Credit or above in English proficiency modules undertaken as part of a
- (e) Foundation Programme for a Law Degree accredited by Maldives Qualifications Authority.

2. Insert a new section 8 as follows after section 7.

8. (a) Effective 1 August 2026, examinations for a qualifying law degree programme shall be conducted in person, regardless of the mode of delivery of the programme.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, "in person", in relation to an examination, means an examination conducted with candidates and the invigilator physically present at the same examination venue.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, "examination" means an assessment conducted under supervised, timed and controlled examination conditions referred to in section as defined in section 3.1 (Assessment and evaluation processes), Part A, Chapter 2 of Guideline No: 22/G-39 (Guidelines for Programme Accreditation).
- (d) This section applies to every qualifying law degree programme accredited by the Bar Council of the Maldives, including programmes accredited before 1 August 2026.

3. This amendment shall come into effect on the date of its publication on the Bar Council of Maldives' website.

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