



FACULTY OFFICE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Qualifications Board
held remotely via Zoom
on Friday 16 March 2023

Present: Nicholas Hatzis (Chair)
Nicola Brant
Roger Eastman
Sophie Milburn
Anna Ostrowska
Iain Ostrowski-Rogers
Christopher Smith
Elaine Standish

In attendance:
Neil Turpin, Chief Clerk, Faculty Office
Patrick Roberts, Clerk, Faculty Office

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Alex Galloway, Ugljesa Grusic, Howard Dellar and Ian Blaney.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

These were confirmed as correct mutatis mutandis correcting the Board's assessment that, in 10 (a), the rules 'could' be amended, rather than 'needed amending', but otherwise are correct and will be signed by the Chairman at the next in-person meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

There were none

4. NOTARIAL PRACTICE COURSE

Dr Grusic was absent and so a report of the Course was passed over until the next meeting. Elaine Standish, however, raised the matter of the open day continuing to being held online and remarked that generally it was felt that it should move back to being an in-person/live event at UCL. The Board agreed that this was correct.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The Sub-Committee had not met.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTION

(a) New Applicants

- 1) JB (2023/1) – is a solicitor in a general practice specialising in corporate law who is applying for exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and Company Law. The Board agreed that he be granted exemptions in these areas and requires that he obtain modules in Conveyancing and in Wills Probate & Administration.
- 2) WL (2023/2) – is a barrister specialising in public law who is applying for exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects but not in the professional subjects. The Board agreed that she be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and requires that she obtain modules in the three professional subjects.
- 3) D A-S (2023/3) – is a solicitor not in a general practice who works mainly in litigation and is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that he be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects but requires that he obtain modules in the three professional subjects.
- 4) SJ (2023/4) – is a solicitor not in a general practice who specialises in Mental Health Law and is applying for exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Company Law and Wills Probate & Administration on the grounds of regular and relevant experience in those areas. The Board agreed that she be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Wills Probate & Administration but requires that she

obtain modules in Company Law and in Conveyancing.

- 5) AA (2023/5) – is a recent graduate applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed she be granted a full Certificate of Exemption.
- 6) AN (2023/6) – is a solicitor admitted under the QLTS who specialises in Immigration and Asylum law and who is applying for exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Company and Wills Probate and Administration. The Board requires that it has sight of his QLTS transcript, his practising Certificate and further personal details as to his experience of Company and Wills Probate & Administration before any decision is made. This application to be referred back to the full Board.
- 7) LQ (2023/7) – is a solicitor in a general practice who is applying for exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Company Law. The Board granted him exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Company Law but requires that she obtain modules in Conveyancing and in Wills Probate & Administration.
- 8) AD (2023/8) – is a solicitor in a general practice who is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that she be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Conveyancing but requires that she provide further information as to her personal experience of Company Law and Wills Probate & Administration as the Board has not traditionally accepted Conveyancing experience as also covering Wills. This application to be reviewed by the full Board.
- 9) PK (2023/9) – is a recent graduate who is currently working as a paralegal and is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that she be granted a full Certificate of Exemption conditional on her passing her module in Conveyancing for which she is presently awaiting the results.
- 10) RP (2023/10) – is a legal officer holding a recent GDL who is applying for exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects. The Board agreed that she be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and that she obtain modules in the three professional subjects.

- 11) IS (2023/11) – is a paralegal presently working her way through the SQE and who intends to be completed with both sets of assessments by September 2023. She is applying for exemptions in the five 'core' subjects and in Company and Wills Probate & Administration. The Board agreed to grant her exemptions in the five 'core' subjects and in Company and Wills Probate & Administration and requires that she obtain a module in Conveyancing which she is currently doing.
- 12) RM (2023/12) – is a solicitor in a general practice who is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that she be granted exemptions in the five 'core' subjects and in Wills Probate & Administration but that she provide further information as to her personal experience in Company and Conveyancing.
- 13) CE (2023/13) – is a solicitor in a general practice and STEP practitioner who is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that she be a full Certificate of Exemption.
- 14) ZS (2023/14) – is a solicitor working mainly in Higher Education institutions and who has passed the SRA Professional Skills Course who is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that she be granted exemptions in the five 'core' subjects but requires that she obtain modules in the three professional subjects.
- 15) EC (2023/15) – is a recent graduate who is working as a paralegal and is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board directs that she provide the transcript of her LPC before it makes any further decisions. This application to be referred to the Sub Committee.
- 16) ZH (2023/16) – is a solicitor in a general practice with in-date qualifications who is asking for exemptions in the five 'core' subjects and in Conveyancing and Company law. The Board agreed that he be granted exemptions in the five 'core' subjects and in Conveyancing and Company law and requires that he obtain a module in Wills Probate & Administration.
- 17) FL (2023/17) – is a solicitor qualified in England and Wales and also a compliance officer who is asking for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board granted him a full Certificate of Exemption.

- 18) ED (2023/18) – is a solicitor in a general practice who is asking for exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects but not in the professional subjects. The Board agreed that she be granted these exemptions and obtain the three modules.
- 19) KA (2023/19) – is a solicitor in a general practice specialising in Employment Law who is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that she be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Company Law but that she obtain modules in Conveyancing and in Wills Probate & Administration.
- 20) QH (2023/20) – is a solicitor in a general practice specialising in Family and Immigration Law who is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that he be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and requires that he obtain modules in the three professional subjects and provide a second reference.
- 21) IO (2023/21) – is a solicitor in a general practice who is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that he be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Company Law and Conveyancing but requires that he obtain a module in Wills Probate & Administration.
- 22) RE (2023/22) – is a trainee solicitor at Savill Notaries and recent graduate who is seeking a full Certificate of Exemption. Sophie Milburn declared an interest. The Board agreed that he be granted a full Certificate of Exemption.
- 23) AT (2023/23) – is a recent graduate who is undertaking the Solicitors Qualifying Exam 2 having recently passed SQE 1 and who is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that subject to her passing SQE 2 she be granted a full Certificate of Exemption.
- 24) EL (2023/24) – is a solicitor in a general practice who is applying for a full Certificate of Exemption. The Board agreed that she be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Wills Probate & Administration but requires that she obtains modules in Company Law and Conveyancing.

25) S A-S (2023/25) – is a self-employed barrister who is applying for exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects but not in the professional subjects. The Board agreed that she be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects.

26) SE (2023/26) – is a recent graduate who is applying for exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects but not in the professional subjects. The Board agreed that he be granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects.

(b) Further Consideration

1) FA (2019/62) – had applied in 2019 on the basis of in-date qualifications and had been granted exemptions in the five ‘core’ subjects and in Company Law and Conveyancing but had been required to obtain a module in Wills Probate & Administration. He has since qualified as a solicitor and has gained substantial experience in Probate matters. The Board agreed that he be granted a full Certificate of Exemption.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION UNDER RULE 8.2

There were none.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR VALIDATION OF COURSES

There were none.

9. REFERENCES TO BOARD PURSUANT TO THE SCRIVENERS
(QUALIFICATION) RULES 2019

There were none.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

13 June (agreed), 13 July (provisional), 12 October (provisional),
14 December (provisional).