

NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR REGULATIONS 2024

Made pursuant to section 278 of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006

1. Title and Commencement

- (1) These regulations are the Juris Doctor Regulations 2024.
- (2) These regulations shall come into force on 1 January 2026.

2. Professional Examinations in Law Regulations 2008 Amended

- (1) This regulation amends the Professional Examinations in Law Regulations 2008.
- (2) In regulation 1(3), definition of **Qualification for Admission**:
 - (a) after “Bachelor of Laws”, delete “or”;
 - (b) after “(” insert “or”; and
 - (c) after “Honours) degree” insert “or Juris Doctor degree”.
- (3) In regulation 3(1)(a) after “Honours)” insert “or Juris Doctor”.
- (4) In regulation 8(1) after “Laws” insert “or Juris Doctor”.
- (5) In regulation 8(3)(a) after “Laws” insert “or Juris Doctor”.
- (6) In regulation 11(1) replace “law degree” with “LLB or Juris Doctor degree”
- (7) In regulation 11(2)(a):
 - (a) delete the words “for the LLB”; and
 - (b) after “component)” insert “or Juris Doctor degree”.

3. Professional Legal Studies Course Assessment and Standards Regulations 2002

Amended

- (1) This regulation amends the Professional Legal Studies Course Assessment and Standards Regulations 2002.
- (2) In regulation 1.1 replace “a law degree” with “an LLB or Juris Doctor degree”.

4. Professional Legal Studies Course Regulations 2004 Amended

- (1) This regulation amends the Professional Legal Studies Course Regulations 2004.
- (2) In regulation 3(2)(a) after the word “LLB” insert “or Juris Doctor degree”.

Minimum Legislative Information Table

Title	Juris Doctor Regulations 2024
Principal or amendment	Amendment
Consolidated version	No
Empowering Act and provisions	Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006, section 278
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