

# TRANSITION FROM LAW SCHOOL TO LEGAL PRACTICE

LAW SCHOOL



PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING



APPLY TO LPAB FOR ADMISSION

Now a lawyer but still not entitled to engage in legal practice.  
Still need to seek leave to appear before a court.



APPLY TO LAW SOCIETY OF NSW FOR PRACTISING CERTIFICATE

Now a solicitor/counsel/legal practitioner, entitled to engage in supervised legal practice. No longer need to seek leave to appear before state courts.



APPLY TO HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA FOR ADMISSION  
IF APPEARING BEFORE FEDERAL COURTS

No longer need to seek leave to appear.

# ‘LAWYER’ AND ‘SOLICITOR’ – WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

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- ‘Australian lawyer’ means a person admitted to the Australian legal profession in NSW or any other jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup>
- ‘solicitor’ means an Australian legal practitioner whose Australian practising certificate is not subject to a condition that the holder is authorised to engage in legal practice as or in the manner of a barrister only.<sup>2</sup>
- A person cannot take or use the titles ‘solicitor’, ‘counsel’, ‘legal practitioner’, ‘attorney’, or ‘barrister’ without a current Australian practising certificate.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Legal Profession Uniform Law* (NSW), s 6.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, s 12; *Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015*, s 9.