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### NOTIFICATION- Common Exam for the Law Graduates 2025

Pursuant to the notification of the **Common Exam for the Law Graduates** first published/announced on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025, the *Jabmi Tshogdey* (Bar Council) is pleased to issue this detailed notification of Guidance for the candidates.

The Common Exam will consist of a written component and a viva voce component.

The written component of the 2025 Common Exam will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The venue for the exam will be informed once the room allocation is finalized. Candidates should report no later than 9:00am.

The *viva* portion of the Common Exam for Law Graduates will be conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 onwards. The viva exam will be conducted in Bar Council Office, OAG building.

The *Jabmi Tshogdey* is pleased to give the following information concerning the test:

#### A: REGISTRATION

The candidates are required to register with the *Jabmi Tshogdey* Secretariat on or before 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025. For the purpose of the registration, along with a **written application**, the candidates are requested to furnish the following documents:

- (1) a copy of a valid Bhutanese Citizenship Identity Card;
- (2) Certificate of Bachelor of Law Degree;
- (3) University Recognition Certificate from DAHE;
- (4) a Medical Certificate;
- (5) a security clearance from the Royal Bhutan Police;
- (6) submit two recent passport size photographs;
- (7) postal address of the applicant (mention on the application);
- (8) certificate of completion of the PGDNL or Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law; and
- (9) an examination fee of Ngultrum three thousand.



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### B: COMPOSITION OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The written Examination is comprised of the following two Papers:

#### Paper 1: Language -ENGLISH

- (1) Section One: Multiple-choice Questions. This will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions designed to test knowledge of Bhutanese law and general principles.
- (2) Section Two: Essay Questions.
  - i. Compulsory one long essay question (two to five pages) and
  - ii. Choose one short essay question (one page or less) of two possible essay question.Two essays in English, setting forth a complicated fact pattern that the test-taker is required to give an answer and reasoning.

#### Paper 2: Language -DZONGKHA

- (3) Section Three: Multiple-choice questions. This will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions designed to test knowledge of Bhutanese law.
- (4) Section Four - One compulsory long essay question: This will consist of one long essay (two to five pages) setting forth a complicated fact pattern that the test-taker is required to give an answer and reasoning.
- (5) Section Five: One drafting question. Candidates will be given a description of a transaction or a dispute. They are expected to draft a complaint, a pleading, a contract, or a conveyance.

### C: DURATION OF EXAMINATION

The examination will begin at 9:30am and end at 12:30pm. The schedule is as follows:

#### Paper 1(Day 1): Language –ENGLISH (9:30 AM to 12:30 PM)

- I. SECTION ONE: MULTIPLE-CHOICE – ENGLISH
- II. SECTION TWO: ESSAY – ENGLISH

#### Paper 2(Day 2): Language -DZONGKHA (9:30 AM - 12:30 PM)

- I. SECTION THREE: MULTIPLE-CHOICE – DZONGKHA
- II. SECTION FOUR: ESSAY – DZONGKHA



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### III. SECTION FIVE: DRAFTING

#### D: SUBJECTS TO BE TESTED

The subjects to be tested on the examination are:

- All the Bhutanese Acts

#### E: SCORING

The written examination will consist of 500 points. Points will be awarded as follows:

| Paper             | Section     | Description                 | Number of items | Criterion                | Points per item | Total points | % of test |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Paper 1 - ENGLISH | Section One | Multiple Choice question    | 50              | Correct Answer           | 2               | 100          | 20.00 %   |
|                   | Section Two | Long Essay                  | 1               | Substance (model answer) | 65              | 150          | 30.00 %   |
|                   |             |                             |                 | Grammar and vocabulary   | 35              |              |           |
|                   |             | Short essay (choose 1 of 2) | 1 (of 2)        | Substance (model answer) | 35              |              |           |
|                   |             |                             |                 | Grammar and vocabulary   | 15              |              |           |



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|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----|--------------------------|-------------|-----|---------|
| Paper 2 - Dzongkha | Section Three | Multiple Choice question     | 50 | Correct Answer           | 2           | 100 | 20.00 % |
|                    | Section Four  | Long Essay                   | 1  | Substance (model answer) | 65          | 100 | 20.00 % |
|                    |               |                              |    | Grammar and vocabulary   | 35          |     |         |
|                    | Section Five  | Drafting Exercise (Dzongkha) | 1  | Structural correctness   | 50          | 50  | 10.00 % |
|                    |               |                              |    |                          | GRAND TOTAL | 500 | points  |

### F: PASSING MARKS

In order to pass and be eligible for admission to the Bar, the candidate must achieve the following minimum cut off marks:

Written Examination:

- (1) At least 55% in Paper 1.
- (2) At least 55% in Paper 2.
- (3) At least 60% total in Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Viva Examination: In addition, the candidate must earn 55% or more on the *viva* examination, which will be held on the days after the written examination.