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### NOTIFICATION- Common Exam for the Law Graduates 2024

Pursuant to the notification of the **Common Exam for the Law Graduates** first published/announced on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 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 2024 Common Exam will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The venue for the exam will be informed once the room allocation is finalized. Candidates for Bar admission should **report no later than 9:00am**.

The *viva* portion of the Common Exam for Law Graduates will be conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024. 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024. 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;
- (8) certificate of completion of the National Legal Course 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 schedule is as follows:

#### **Paper 1(Day 1): Language –ENGLISH (For Three Hours)**

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

#### **Paper 2(Day 2): Language -DZONGKHA (For Three Hours)**

- 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	15	
Grammar and vocabulary	15						
Paper 2 - Dzongkha	Section Three	Multiple Choice question	50	Correct Answer	2	100	20.00%



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	Section Four	Long Essay	1	Substance (model answer)	65	100	20.00%
				Grammar and vocabulary	35		
	Section Five	Drafting Exercise (Dzonkgha)	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.