



KING'S INNS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AUGUST 2020

King's Inns Entrance Examination for admission to the course leading to the degree of Barrister-at-Law usually takes the form of invigilated, closed book, handwritten exams sat by candidates in King's Inns.

This year, due to COVID-19 public health guidelines, the Entrance Exam is an **online, computer-based** exam that is **closed book** and **remotely invigilated**. A candidate sits the exam on their own in a suitable location chosen by the candidate and permitted under public health guidelines. The exam will be conducted through advanced online assessment software from TestReach, an Irish company based at UCD campus.

King's Inns has a duty to ensure the integrity of the examination process while also safeguarding the health and safety of candidates and staff. The decision to hold this assessment online has been taken by King's Inns to ensure that these requirements can be met in 2020. The process being implemented by King's Inns allows the replication, to the greatest possible extent, of the usual format by preserving the syllabi, exam paper format, closed book, invigilated method of examination.

The format of the exam paper is the same as previous years. An exam paper will have five questions to be completed in three hours. A candidate must answer the compulsory question which is worth 50% of the marks and two other questions on each paper. The syllabus for each subject is as published on the King's Inns website.

Revised Entrance Exam Dates

To enable the exams to be conducted in this way, the Entrance Exam dates have changed from early August to dates from Friday 21 August to Monday 31 August.

Candidates are advised to note carefully both the new dates for the assessments and that assessments start at different times on different dates. This is for logistical reasons and cannot be avoided.

Entrance Exam Timetable

Exam	Date	Time
Law of Torts	Friday 21 August	10.00am-1.00pm
Criminal Law	Monday 24 August	10.00am-1.00pm
Contract Law	Thursday 27 August	9.00am-12.00 midday
Irish Constitutional Law	Saturday 29 August	2.30pm-5.30pm
Law of Evidence	Monday 31 August	9.00am-12.00 midday

1 July 2020 Deadline for Submission of Required Documents

Entrance exam applicants must submit all required information in electronic format by 1 July 2020. King's Inns is not accepting delivery by post or courier.

King's Inns will not consider the eligibility of an applicant to sit the Entrance Exam unless all required documents are submitted by 1 July.

Documents Required by 1 July:

1. Student Admission Declaration including two electronically signed references.
2. Transcript of a King's Inns approved law degree which must show that the applicants sat and passed six core subjects: Land Law (including Law of Succession), Company Law, Equity & Trusts, European Law, Jurisprudence, Administrative Law.
3. One of (a) details page with photograph from current passport; (b) Irish or other EU passport card, or (c) valid EU driving license with photograph showing details.
4. Two recent passport size photos of the applicant for the purpose of insertion in the King's Inns student card you will receive at the commencement of the course.
5. Any supporting documentation in relation to a request for special needs requirements at the Entrance Examination.

The only document that may be submitted after 1 July is an exam transcript for candidates completing their approved qualification in summer 2020, and this may only be submitted late in circumstances where a third level institution has provided written confirmation to the Registrar of King's Inns that a 2020 exam transcript will not be available by 1 July. The institution must have written to the Registrar no later than 26 June 2020 and must have given an assurance that the transcript will be available no later than 16 July 2020. The awarding institution can provide this assurance on the behalf of an entire graduating class and does not need to provide such a letter for each individual candidate.

King's Inns will process applications and required documents to confirm eligibility to sit the Entrance Exams. King's Inns will register eligible candidates with TestReach, and this will require King's Inns to share certain data belonging to eligible candidates with TestReach, including the names and email addresses of candidates. Candidates will receive an email from TestReach with username, password and specific instructions for the exam and invitation to login to the system. Before the exam start time, a candidate will have access to a practice tutorial and videos to become familiar with the TestReach application.

Further information on this can be read at the candidate FAQ on the TestReach website at: <https://www.testreach.com/candidate-support-frequently-asked-questions.html>

Minimum system requirements for remotely invigilated exams:

- A laptop or computer running Windows 10+ or Mac OS 10.8+
- Intel Core i3 (or equivalent) and 4GB RAM
- A working webcam
- A working microphone and speakers
- Good continuous internet speed of 516kbps or higher
- A screen size of at least 13" and a resolution of 1024 x 768 is recommended.

All personal data will be processed in accordance with the King's Inns Data Protection Statement available at: <https://www.kingsinns.ie/dataprotection>

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