



Diploma in Environmental and Planning Law

COURSE OVERVIEW

This diploma course aims to provide a comprehensive practical overview of the current legislative framework in the environmental and planning realms. The overall objective is to assist practitioners in determining what planning and environmental legislation applies and what the exposure is for clients arising from this.

This course will examine topical issues including environmental problems, the interplay with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), planning control, developments in waste law, recent European law and Irish legislation, recent case law, issues of environmental liability in insolvency, enforcement, trans-boundary environmental issues, the impact of environmental law on planning, and the nature of development.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

On completion of this training programme, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the overall structure of environmental and planning law in Ireland and the role of the organisations entrusted with overseeing the implementation of same;
- Describe specific areas of environmental law such as waste management law, climate change, and air and noise pollution;
- Explain the planning application procedure, the determination of a planning application and the appeals process, and the impact that environmental law has on planning;
- Illustrate the legislative framework and regulation of planning law in Ireland;
- Analyse litigation in the area in light of recent judicial decisions.

MODULES

Module 1: Environmental law, the overall structure and recent developments

- Overall structure and recent developments in environmental law,
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),
- Role of the local authority; Irish Water – an overview; green energy and climate change,
- Environmental enforcement.

Module 2: The legislative framework and regulation of planning law in Ireland

- Planning law in Ireland,
- Planning applications,
- Environmental impact assessments,
- Impact of environmental law on planning,

Module 3: Litigation and interface of environmental law and planning

- Environmental issues in corporate and property transactions,
- Judicial reviews of An Bord Pleanála and EPA,
- Environmental liability – criminal and civil liability,
- Environmental directive and transposing directive.



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for the following:

- Public sector, private sector and in-house solicitors working in the areas of conveyancing and planning, and environmental law,
- Trainee solicitors and students seeking to expand their knowledge of environmental law,
- Barristers who practice in the area of environmental and planning law;
- Civil servants and those working within a local authority in environmental and planning departments, and
- Other suitably qualified professionals, such as environmental agents and town planners who have an interest in environmental law.

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Note: The information in this document is subject to change as course content and modules may be adapted.