



Take subjects
in the FE-1
immediately
after studying
that subject

WANT TO BE A SOLICITOR?

HERE'S WHAT YOU
NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT THE FE-1



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WHAT IS THE FE-1?

The Final Examination - First Part (FE-1) is the entrance examination to the Law Society of Ireland. It is held twice a year, normally in spring and autumn and consists of eight papers on core legal subjects.

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| 1. Company Law | 5. European Union Law |
| 2. Constitutional Law | 6. Equity |
| 3. Law of Contract | 7. Law of Property |
| 4. Criminal Law | 8. Law of Tort |



WHY IS THERE AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION?

This examination ensures that trainee solicitors, who come from third level studies of all disciplines, whether in arts, humanities, engineering or science, commence their practical training in the Law Society with a consistent standard of knowledge in those eight subjects.



AM I ELIGIBLE TO SIT THE FE-1?

If you have completed the first or any subsequent year of a course leading to a qualification at level 7 or higher on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications or a degree awarded by a university in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales, you are eligible to sit the FE-1 examination.



DO I NEED TO COMPLETE MY DEGREE?

Yes you do. You can provisionally pass any one or more of the eight subject examinations of the FE-1; with provisional passes becoming absolute passes once the recognised degree is obtained.



HOW MANY SUBJECT EXAMINATIONS DO I NEED TO PASS IN MY FIRST SITTING?

FE-1 candidates now need to pass just one exam in a sitting to move forward. There is no longer a requirement for you to sit and pass at least three subject examinations in your first sitting, before being able to proceed further. You can now sit the eight subject examinations one or more at a time in one or more sittings.



HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO PASS ALL EIGHT SUBJECTS?

The time within which all eight subject examinations should be passed, starting from the time of the candidate first passing one or more of them, is being extended from five to seven years.



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Further information on the FE-1 is available on our website: www.lawsociety.ie/becomingasolicitor or email us at: fe1section@lawsociety.ie