How to obtain a Certificate of Qualification in Canada

In order to obtain an NCA Certificate of Qualification, most applicants are required to demonstrate competence in several topics. There are three ways applicants may demonstrate competence in assigned subject areas:

- Through the NCA examinations;
- By registering as a special student in a Canadian law program and successfully completing the assigned subjects as part of the program of studies; or
- A combination of (1) and (2).

If the NCA assessment requires studies at a Canadian law school, the number of subjects will depend on the applicant’s legal education and professional experience. Studies at a Canadian law school are often mandatory for students from non-common law jurisdictions, who have had minimal or no exposure to common law, and to anyone who has completed their qualifying law degree by distance education.

If you are required to attend a Canadian law school to meet your assigned NCA requirements, or if you are considering attending Canadian law school rather than taking NCA challenge exams to meet your assigned requirements, here are some Important factors to keep in mind:

**Choice of Law School**: It is the responsibility of NCA applicants to research Canadian law schools and choose the one they wish to attend to meet their NCA requirements. Some schools do reserve spaces for NCA applicants while others do not.

**Application to Law School**: It is also the applicant’s responsibility to apply to law school. Any questions regarding cost of studies and admission requirements should be directed to the law school.

**Mandatory Pre-approval**: Applicants who intend to complete courses at a Canadian law school MUST have the NCA pre-approve their selected courses to ensure they satisfy the requirements they wish to meet.

**Requirements upon Course Completion**: Once you have successfully completed courses at a Canadian law school, you must arrange for that law school to send official transcripts to the NCA, so the information can be included in your file.

For further information please contact the Canadian Law Society: [https://www.lisuc.on.ca/](https://www.lisuc.on.ca/)

Correct as of February 2017
1. LLB
   University of Liverpool

2. Application
   Requires documentation and fee payment

3. Assessment Process
   Target: 6-8 weeks

4. Assessment Results
   Requirements assigned for a certificate

5. NCA Exams and/or Law School Courses

6. Certificate of Qualification

   Application for Admission to Law Societies