

Lawyers training systems in the EU

Cyprus

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING SYSTEM FOR LAWYERS in Cyprus

1. Access to the Profession

Higher education / university education	YES
A law degree is compulsory	YES
Steps to becoming a fully-fledged lawyer:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with the Bar • Examination Organized and regulated by the Legal Board of the Cyprus Bar Association • Completion of an induction period
Alternative routes to the profession:	N/A

2. Training during induction period

Is there an induction period?	YES	Legal basis: The Advocates Law (last amended in 29.3.2013)
Compulsory	YES	Set length: training period of not less than 12 months at the office of an advocate practicing for at least 5 years (Article 4 (e) Advocates Law)

Types of structures responsible for organising induction training	<u>Legal Board</u> of the Cyprus Bar Association: The Legal Board of the Cyprus Bar Association consists of the Attorney-General of the Republic as Chairman, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Bar Council and three advocates (article 3(1) of <u>The Advocates Law</u>)	
Form of induction training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apprenticeship supervised by a private practice: there is no special form for the induction period. It can be an apprenticeship supervised by a private practice or by the <u>Law Office of the Republic of Cyprus</u>	
Entrance exam / check before induction period	YES	Check/verification of diploma
Set curriculum during induction period	No set curriculum during the induction period	
Specificities regarding EU law and linguistic training:	No obligations regarding EU law and linguistic training	
Induction period divided into different stages	N/A	
Post-induction period assessment / exam	Yes - The Post-induction period assessment done through written exams	
3. Continuous training system		
Differentiation between continuous training / specialisation training	NO	
Obligations regarding continuous training	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuous training is not stated either in the state law or in the internal regulations of the BarThe Cyprus Bar Association is in the process of establishing the obligation of continuous training among its members and is also in the process of creating the regulations for approval by the board of the CBA
Obligations regarding specialization training	NO	Specialization training is not stated either in state law or in the internal regulations of the Bar
Obligations regarding learning foreign languages	No obligations	

Obligations regarding EU law content in relation to continuous / specialisation training	No obligations	
4. Accreditation systems and training providers		
Possibility for accreditation	There is no accreditation system regarding training of lawyers in Cyprus	
Number of training providers offering accredited continuous training activities	N/A	
Type of training providers developing accredited continuous training activities	N/A	
Activities and methods		
Type of training activities accepted under the obligations of continuous training	N/A	Participation in training activities in another EU Member State: N/A
5. Supervision of training activities		
Organisations involved in supervising continuous training activities	N/A	
6. National reform of training system		
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