

THE TOLES HIGHER EXAMINATION

AN EXPLANATION OF THE TOLES HIGHER EXAM GRADES

The TOLES Higher exam is the second level in the Test of Legal English Skills (TOLES) series of exams. The Higher exam tests candidates with an intermediate level of legal English. This exam tests a candidate's legal English skills in the areas of English language and law listed in the TOLES Higher exam syllabus.

TOLES Higher exam results are reported within a four-band grade scale. The explanation of a candidate's results within a particular band is explained in clear, plain English and is designed to be easy to read and understand.

A candidate's result will be reported as a percentage, on a scale between 1-100, with BAND ONE (81-100%) being the highest and BAND FOUR (1-40%) being the lowest.

BAND ONE

81 – 100% This candidate is assessed as having **EXCELLENT** legal English skills at Higher exam level. This candidate:

- can deal confidently and ably with all of the examination requirements listed in the syllabus;
- is competent to deal with written or spoken legal English at intermediate level, and has good strategies for coping with new language;
- with support, can deal well with certain authentic legal documents, professional emails and carefully conducted conference situations, such as telephone or video conversations;
- is ready to progress to the TOLES Advanced examination.

BAND TWO

61 – 80% This candidate is assessed as having **GOOD** legal English skills at Higher exam level. This candidate:

- can deal well with many of the examination requirements listed in the syllabus and would benefit a lot from the opportunity for further practice;
- has made very good progress in dealing with written or spoken legal English at an intermediate level;
- is close to being able to deal with certain authentic legal documents and professional emails, and has a strong understanding of the language used in conference situations, such as telephone or video conversations;
- is almost ready to progress to the TOLES Advanced examination.

BAND THREE

41 – 60% This candidate is assessed as having **SATISFACTORY** legal English skills at Higher exam level. This candidate:

- is challenged by the examination requirements listed in the syllabus but is definitely on the way to reaching intermediate level skills;
- has a fundamental understanding of written and spoken legal English at intermediate level, and will continue to improve with practice;
- has some understanding of certain authentic legal documents and the language used in conference situations, but continues to require a lot of support;
- requires significant further study at intermediate level before progressing to the TOLES Advanced examination.

BAND FOUR

1 – 40% This candidate is assessed as having **LESS THAN SATISFACTORY** legal English skills at Higher exam level. This candidate:

- can deal with a few of the examination requirements listed in the syllabus but is weak in some, or all, key areas;
- needs to make a better start at understanding and actively using language at Higher exam level; and requires a significant amount of further study;
- requires considerable support when dealing with authentic legal documents and the language used in conference situations;
- requires considerable further study at Higher exam level before progressing to the TOLES Advanced examination.

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