

THE TOLES FOUNDATION EXAMINATION

TOLES Foundation is the first level of the TOLES series of examinations in legal English. The TOLES series consists of three specialist examinations designed to show a candidate's skills in legal English. There are four grade bands at foundation level. Candidates' results are expressed as a percentage score.

TOLES Foundation tests a candidate's skills in the vocabulary and understanding of the areas of law listed in the examination syllabus.

81 - 100 This candidate is assessed as having **EXCELLENT** legal English skills at foundation level. This candidate:

- can deal confidently and ably with all of the examination requirements listed in the syllabus
- is competent to understand written legal English at foundation level and has strong strategies for coping with new language
- has an excellent understanding of key vocabulary within certain authentic legal documents
- is ready to progress to the TOLES Higher examination

61 - 80 This candidate is assessed as having **VERY GOOD** legal English skills at foundation level. This candidate:

- can deal well with many of the examination requirements listed in the syllabus and would benefit from more practice
- has made some excellent progress at understanding written legal English at foundation level
- has a good understanding of key vocabulary within certain authentic legal documents
- is almost ready to progress to the TOLES Higher examination

41 - 60 This candidate is assessed as having **SATISFACTORY** legal English skills at foundation level. This candidate:

- is challenged by the examination requirements listed in the syllabus. He or she has a basic grasp of the skills tested in the examination but needs to focus more on developing a good legal vocabulary and upon accuracy in use of grammar
- has made a start at understanding legal English at foundation level but requires more study
- has a basic understanding of legal vocabulary at foundation level but some key terminology may be lacking.
- requires further study at foundation level before progressing to the TOLES Higher examination

0 - 40 This candidate **DOES NOT YET POSSESS** legal English skills at foundation level. This candidate:

- may be able to deal with some of the examination requirements but is weak in some or all key areas
- has a below average understanding of written legal English at foundation level
- has a poor understanding of key vocabulary within authentic legal documents
- would benefit further from a course of study in general English at the same time as taking steps towards learning legal English