

THE TOLES HIGHER EXAMINATION

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

A score that falls within the two top bands of the TOLES Higher examination can indicate stronger *legal* English skills than a more advanced certificate from a general English examination.

81 - 100 This candidate is assessed as having **EXCELLENT** legal English skills at intermediate 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 strong strategies for coping with new language
- can deal unaided with certain authentic documents and carefully conducted conference situations or telephone conversations
- is ready to progress to the TOLES Advanced examination

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

- can deal well with many of the examination requirements listed in the syllabus and would be even stronger with further practice
- has made excellent progress in dealing with written or spoken legal English at intermediate level
- is close to being able to deal unaided with certain authentic documents and has a strong understanding of language used in conference situations or in telephone conversations.
- is almost ready to progress to the TOLES Advanced examination

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

- is challenged by the examination requirements listed in the syllabus but is well 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 or telephone conversations but continues to require support
- requires further study at intermediate level before progressing to the TOLES Advanced examination

0 - 40 This candidate **DOES NOT YET POSSESS** the legal English skills necessary for intermediate level. This candidate:

- can deal with some of the examination requirements listed in the syllabus but is weak in some or all key areas
- has a below average understanding of written and/or spoken legal English at intermediate level
- requires considerable support when dealing with authentic legal documents and the language used in conference situations
- requires considerable further study at intermediate level before progressing to the TOLES Advanced examination