

Proposed changes to the GDNZIA

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Summary of proposed changes

- Changes to LAWS6015 Introduction to the Immigration Industry and Professional Responsibilities and LAWS7015 Professional Practice
- Changes to LAWS7013 Temporary Entry, Compliance and Unlawful Status and LAWS7016 Specialist Immigration Areas relating to employer applications
- English language entry requirements
- Recognition of academic credit

Changes to LAWS6015

CURRENT

Role and requirements for licensing:

- Personal qualities required for the role of an immigration adviser
- Providing immigration advice, types of immigration businesses
- Types of licence, exemptions, prohibitions
- Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007
- Functions of the Immigration Advisers Authority, Registrar of Immigration Advisers

Professional responsibilities and code of conduct:

- Professional responsibilities
- Code of conduct
- Offences and penalties
- The Immigration Advisers Complaints and Disciplinary Authority
- Continuing professional development requirements

Communication:

- Contexts in which communication skills are applied
- English written skills, English oral skills

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- Initial consultations (from LAWS7015)
- Evidence of being licensed (from LAWS7015)
- Explaining professional responsibilities (from LAWS7015)
- Code and complaint documents (from LAWS7015)
- Written agreements (from LAWS7015)
- Fees, invoicing, receipting, client funds (from LAWS7015)
- Supervision

Communication:

- Introduction to professional communication

Changes to LAWS7015

Current	Proposed
<p>Business practices and practicalities of working with clients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial consultations• Evidence of being licensed• Explaining professional responsibilities• Code and complaint documents• Dealing with complaints• Written agreements• Setting fees, Invoicing and Receipting• Client Funds and Client Account, refunds• Undertaking agreed work• File management• Document security and return• Termination of services• Taking on clients from another LIA• Handing over a client to another LIA• Change of LIA and notifying INZ• Ethical business practice• Seeking assistance from other professionals• Small business practice <p>Communication skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with interpreters• Attending interviews with INZ, clients and other stakeholders• Dealing with difficult clients	<p>Business practices and practicalities of working with clients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dealing with complaints• Written agreements• Setting fees, Invoicing and Receipting• Client Funds and Client Account, refunds• Undertaking agreed work• File management• Document security and return• Termination of services• Taking on clients from another LIA• Handing over a client to another LIA• Change of LIA and notifying INZ• Ethical business practice• Seeking assistance from other professionals• Small business practice• Confidentiality• Conflicts of interest• Continuing Professional Development (CPD)• Supervision <p>Communication skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with interpreters• Attending interviews with INZ, clients and other stakeholders• Dealing with difficult clients• English written skills• English oral skills and client interviewing

Changes to LAWS7013 and LAWS7016

- Move employer applications from LAWS7016 Specialist Immigration Areas to LAWS7013 Temporary Entry, Compliance and Unlawful Status
- Necessary as employer accreditation is scheduled to become mandatory for all employers from 2021
- Students will need to learn about accreditation in the first half of the programme before becoming licensed



English language entry requirements

- The English language entry requirements for the programme mirror Competency Standard 5
- We currently have no discretion and the requirements can be tricky to apply in some situations
- Suggest adding the following statement:

“In any case, the institute may require an applicant to provide an English language test in terms of Competency Standard 5.1. In such cases, the English language test result will be used to determine whether the applicant meets the English language entry requirements.”



Recognition of academic credit

- There is a statement in our programme document which indicates that graduates of the GCNZIA are able to obtain credit for their GCNZIA studies towards the GDNZIA
- We propose removing this statement
- The content of the GCNZIA and GDNZIA are significantly different given the time that has now passed since students studied the GCNZIA
- Will not prevent those who completed the GCNZIA or anyone else from making an application for credit which will be assessed on a case by case basis