

LPC Providers

Yet another decision to make – but how do I know which LPC provider is best for me?

There are more than 30 LPC providers in England and Wales. All of them are required to comply with written standards that are set down by the Law Society.

Before selecting a provider, ask yourself several questions:

- Do you want to study full-time or part-time?
- Do you want a local provider or are you prepared to relocate?
- How much will it cost?
- What elective subjects do different providers offer?
- How many students will be in each class?

Then find out as much as you can about each provider from the Law Society (www.lpc.lawsociety.org.uk) and from the colleges themselves.

Law Society Grading System 2005/2006

A new monitoring system for the LPC was implemented for the academic year 2005/06.

As previously, providers will receive a three-day monitoring visit during the first year of a three-year cycle. During the second year, the provider receives a one-day pastoral visit to check on progress since the last three-day visit, and in the third year, the provider submits to the Law Society a self-evaluation report.

The three-day monitoring visit will grade six areas of provision:

- Teaching, learning and the curriculum
- Assessment
- Students and their support
- Learning resources
- Leadership and management
- Quality assurance and enhancement

The team of assessors uses the following criteria for grading each of the six areas of LPC provision:

- Commendable practice – there is significant evidence of best practice
- Confidence in the provision – appropriate standards are maintained
- Failure to meet the required level of provision – appropriate standards are not met

Following the three-day visit, details of the grades awarded, issues to be taken forward by the provider, and an explanatory paragraph on each area of provision will appear on the Law Society's website (www.lpc.lawsociety.org.uk).

When a provider reaches the first year of the three-year cycle, it will receive the new three-day monitoring visit. Until all providers have gone through the three-year cycle and received a visit under the new system, there will be providers that have been graded under the old grading system (ie excellent, very good, good, satisfactory, unsatisfactory).

For LPC Providers' listings, see the following pages.

Here are the 36 LPC Providers together with brief Law Society ratings. For full assessments see the Law Society website: www.lpc.lawsociety.org.uk

Aberystwyth University

Last graded: December 2006 (new grading system)
Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Confidence in the provision
Assessment: Confidence in the provision
Students and their support: Confidence in the provision
Learning resources: Commendable practice
Leadership and management: Confidence in the provision
Quality assurance and enhancement: Confidence in the provision

Anglia Ruskin University

Last graded: November 2006 (new grading system)
Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Confidence in the provision
Assessment: Commendable practice
Students and their support: Commendable practice
Learning resources: Commendable practice
Leadership and management: Commendable practice
Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

Bournemouth University

Last graded: March 2006 (new grading system)
Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Confidence in the provision
Assessment: Commendable practice
Students and their support: Commendable practice
Learning resources: Commendable practice
Leadership and management: Commendable practice
Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

BPP College of Professional Studies, Waterloo

(see p432 for further details)
Last graded: December 2006 (new grading system)
Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Commendable practice
Assessment: Commendable practice
Students and their support: Commendable practice
Learning resources: Confidence in the provision

Leadership and management: Commendable practice
Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

BPP Law School, Holborn *(see p432 for further details)*

Last graded: April 2005 **Grade:** Very Good
Strengths: Knowledgeable, well-qualified and supportive staff; Excellent resources for students

BPP Law School, Manchester *(see p432 for further details)*

Last graded: December 2005 (new grading system)
All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

BPP Law School, Leeds *(see p432 for further details)*

Last graded: December 2004
Grade: Very Good
Strengths: Enthusiastic, well-qualified and dedicated team; Careers advice and pro bono activity

Cardiff Law School

Last graded: November 2005 (new grading system)
All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

University of Central England

Last graded: May 2006 (new grading system)
All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

The College of Law, Birmingham *(see p433 for further details)*

Last graded: January 2007 (new grading system)
All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

The College of Law, Chester *(see p433 for further details)*

Last graded: January 2007 (new grading system)
All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

The College of Law, Guildford *(see p433 for further details)*

Last graded: November 2006 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

The College of Law, London (Bloomsbury)

(see p433 for further details)

Last graded: November 2005 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

The College of Law, London (Moorgate)

(see p433 for further details)

Last graded: December 2006 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

The College of Law, York *(see p433 for further details)*

Last graded: April 2006 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

De Montfort University

Last graded: October 2006 (new grading system)

Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Commendable practice

Assessment: Commendable practice

Students and their support: Commendable practice

Learning resources: Confidence in the provision

Leadership and management: Commendable practice

Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

University of Glamorgan

Last graded: May 2006 (new grading system)

Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Confidence in the provision

Assessment: Confidence in the provision

Students and their support: Commendable practice

Learning resources: Confidence in the provision

Leadership and management: Confidence in the provision

Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

University of Hertfordshire

Last graded: October 2006 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

University of Huddersfield

Last graded: March 2006 (new grading system)

Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Confidence in the provision

Assessment: Confidence in the provision

Students and their support: Confidence in the provision

Learning resources: Confidence in the provision

Leadership and management: Confidence in the provision

Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

Inns of Court School of Law

Last graded: March 2007 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

University of Central Lancashire

Last graded: May 2006 (new grading system)

Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Commendable practice

Assessment: Confidence in the provision

Students and their support: Commendable practice

Learning resources: Confidence in the provision

Leadership and management: Commendable practice

Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

Leeds Metropolitan University

Last graded: March 2006 (new grading system)

Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Commendable practice

Assessment: Commendable practice

Students and their support: Commendable practice

Learning resources: Confidence in the provision

Leadership and management: Confidence in the provision

Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

Liverpool John Moores University

Last graded: November 2004 **Grade:** Good

Strengths: Highly committed, energetic and enthusiastic teaching team; Good integration of IT

London Metropolitan University *(see p434 for further details)*

Last graded: February 2005 **Grade:** Good

Strengths: Diverse student body; Strong careers/pastoral support

Manchester Metropolitan University

Last graded: November 2005 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

Northumbria University

Last graded: April 2007 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

Nottingham Law School *(see p435 for further details)*

Last graded: May 2007 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

Oxford Institute of Legal Practice *(see p436 for further details)*

Last graded: February 2007 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

University of Plymouth

Last graded: February 2006 (new grading system)

Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Confidence in the provision

Assessment: Confidence in the provision

Students and their support: Commendable practice

Learning resources: Confidence in the provision

Leadership and management: Commendable practice

Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

University of Sheffield

Last graded: March 2006 (new grading system)

Teaching, learning and the curriculum: Commendable practice

Assessment: Commendable practice

Students and their support: Commendable practice

Learning resources: Confidence in the provision

Leadership and management: Commendable practice

Quality assurance and enhancement: Commendable practice

Staffordshire University

Last graded: April 2007 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

University of Swansea

Last graded: December 2004 **Grade:** Good

Strengths: A dedicated, committed and enthusiastic teaching team; Strong links with the local profession

Thames Valley University

Last graded: March 2004 **Grade:** Good

Strengths: Good student support, including appraisals, careers support and good links with the local profession; Enthusiastic and approachable course team

University of the West of England, Bristol

Last graded: January 2006 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

University of Westminster *(see p437 for further details)*

Last graded: October 2005 (new grading system)

All areas of assessment: Commendable practice

University of Wolverhampton

Last graded: December 2003 **Grade:** Good

Strengths: Long experience in the delivery of the LPC to a broad, multi-cultural body; Highly-regarded tutors and good quality course administration