



# Adelaide Law School Postgraduate Courses as Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

A selection of Adelaide Law School's postgraduate courses are available on a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) basis – where students have access to all course materials and attend all classes, but do not complete any assessment or receive academic credit.

**Q: Which postgraduate courses are available on a CPD basis?**

A: In 2024, [LAW 7198 Nuclear Regulatory Law](#) (classes held 1-5 July 2024) and [LAW 7184 Defence Contracting Law](#) (classes held 18-20 September 2024) have been confirmed as being available on a CPD basis. Students who are interested in undertaking other Adelaide Law School postgraduate courses on a CPD basis are welcome to apply, and will be accommodated where possible.

**Q: Are there any prerequisites for the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) pathway?**

A: There are no prerequisites for undertaking a course as part of the CPD pathway.

**Q: Will completing a course on a CPD basis count towards my mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) under the *Legal Practitioners Act 1981 (SA)*?**

A: Yes, participating in courses will count towards your mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points as required under the *Legal Practitioners Act 1981 (SA)*. All classes



should count as general CPD hours, and the content of a limited number of classes within a course will count towards required units in practical legal ethics and professional skills.

**Q: Will completing a course on a CPD basis count towards professional development requirements for interstate and international practitioners?**

A: The content of Adelaide Law School's postgraduate courses will meet the requirements for recognition towards the (self-assessed) CPD requirements under the *Legal Practitioners Act 1981* (SA). For interstate and international jurisdictions, practitioners should consult with their respective professional or regulatory bodies to determine whether attendance at this course will be counted towards their professional development requirements.

**Q: What is the cost of enrolling in a course on a CPD basis?**

A: The cost is \$3,500 per course (inclusive of GST). This fee provides participants with access to all course materials, and all classes in the course (including all lectures, seminars and practical exercises).

**Q: When do applications close for attending a course on a CPD basis?**

A: Applications should be lodged no later than one calendar month prior to the first day of teaching of the course. Attendance at any course on a CPD basis is on a space-available basis, so you are encouraged to apply as early as possible. If a course is unable to accommodate any further students wishing to attend on a CPD basis, a waitlist will be constructed and further offers of attendance made if they can be accommodated.

**Q: What does it mean to 'audit' a course?**

A: Students attending Adelaide Law School's postgraduate courses on a CPD basis might be described within the University of Adelaide as doing so on an 'audit' basis. Students auditing a course will have access to attend teaching and will receive all course material. However, they will not be required to submit any coursework, and will not receive formal academic credit towards a postgraduate degree. Auditing students are also not officially enrolled in the course, and will not receive a transcript or award upon completion of the course.

**Q: What recognition will be awarded for students who complete a course on a CPD basis?**

A: Students who attend the whole of the course on a CPD basis will receive an official Certificate of Attendance from the University of Adelaide. Attendance on a CPD basis will not be recorded on an official academic transcript.



**Q: How do I apply to attend the course under the CPD option?**

A: The application form is available at <https://law.adelaide.edu.au/postgraduate>

**Q: If I commence attendance at a course on a CPD basis, can I decide to transfer to become formally enrolled in the course and receive academic credit toward a postgraduate coursework program such as a Professional Certificate, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters?**

A: No, unfortunately the process for admission to a degree program is more complicated, and it will not be possible to change the basis on which you are engaging in the course after it has started. If you register to attend on a CPD basis but wish to change and enrol as a student, you may be able to do so if there are still three or more weeks before teaching in the course begins. You should contact [militarylaw@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:militarylaw@adelaide.edu.au) for further advice if you are in this situation.

**Q: Can I complete any part of the course remotely?**

A: No, Adelaide Law School's postgraduate courses are designed to be completed in person for the most immersive experience.

**Q: How do I pay to attend a course on a CPD basis? Can my employer pay on my behalf?**

A: The application form available at <https://law.adelaide.edu.au/postgraduate> will collect relevant details to enable the University of Adelaide to send you an invoice for the applicable fees. When completing your application, you can indicate whether you will be paying yourself or nominate an alternate person or entity who will be paying for you.

**Q: Can a refund be offered if I can no longer attend the course?**

A: If you notify us more than one calendar month in advance of the first day of teaching of the course, a refund of 50% of the course fees paid will be given. If you notify us closer to the start of the course than that, unfortunately we will be unable to refund your course fee.

**Q: Is there a minimum attendance requirement for the course?**

A: In order to receive a Certificate of Attendance, you must attend at least 75% of the classes in the course.

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