

Legal Practice Course (LPC) providers Grading system (from 2005/2006)

A new monitoring system for the LPC was implemented for the academic year 2005/2006.

Providers 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, which checks on progress since the last three-day visit; and, in the third year, the provider submits to the Solicitors Regulation Authority a self-evaluation report).

The three-day monitoring visit grades 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 are published on the Solicitors Regulation Authority's website (www.sra.org.uk/lpc).

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 remain providers that have been graded under the old grading system (i.e., "excellent", "very good", "good", "satisfactory", "unsatisfactory").

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