

Faculty of Law

Postgraduate Diploma in Drafting and Interpretation of Contracts

Non-subsidised Programmes (NSP)



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Programme Overview

- The programme is presented over one year on a part-time basis.
- The programme in Drafting and Interpretation of Contracts consists of four modules that investigate the legal framework within which contracts are drafted and interpreted. The programme will also deal with the relationship between the drafting and interpretation of various other kinds of legal documents, such as wills, rules and regulations, etc.
- The purpose of the programme is to provide learners with additional advanced knowledge and reflective understanding of the way in which legal texts are prepared and interpreted. The programme is designed to enhance the basic levels of knowledge and skills obtained by learners in their undergraduate studies, by enabling them to apply their knowledge and skills to legal documentation and projects that seek to develop a more refined understanding of the preparation and interpretation of various legal documents. Students will be kept abreast of the latest legal developments.

Programme Content

The content of the programme will suit both lawyers and non-lawyers who are involved with the negotiation, drafting and administration of contracts. To ensure that non-lawyers will be able to follow discussions, some time will be spent explaining basic principles and concepts. Lawyers may also benefit from refreshment of their knowledge of the basic principles and concepts and how they have an impact on the drafting and interpretation of contracts.

- **Basic Interpretation Theory**
To develop competencies and practical and conceptual skills in respect of the theoretical basis for the interpretation and drafting of contracts.
- **Interpretation of Contracts**
To develop competencies and practical and conceptual skills in respect of the interpretation of contracts.

Drafting of Contracts

To develop competencies and practical and conceptual skills in respect of the drafting of contracts.

Basic English Drafting Skills

To develop competencies and practical and conceptual skills in respect of the interaction between law and language.

Other Topics

Current matters and problems that occur from time to time in respect of the drafting and interpretation of contracts will be included in the programme to ensure that students are given training that is relevant and up to date.

Programme Presenters

The programme will be presented by Prof Eesa Fredericks (Programme Leader and Associate Professor at the department of Mercantile Law) and Dr Graham Dampier (Academic Development Centre).

Admission Requirements

Persons holding either an LLB or bachelor's degree. In the case of the latter, the successful completion of a module in the Law of Contract, Commercial Law or Business Law is required.

Application Dates

Online application can be made from **31 August 2024** and closes on **20 March 2025**. Late applications received after this closing date may still be considered.

Documents Required

The following documents must be submitted with the application:

- Certified copy of ID;
- Certified copy of matric certificate. Any other school leaving certificate must be evaluated by SAQA: Tel No. 012 431 5064;
- Certified copy of tertiary qualification certificate/s;
- Certified copy of the academic transcript of your qualification/s;
- Certified copy of marriage/deed of divorce certificate (if applicable)

Foreign (SADC) Students must have their School Leaving Certificate and Tertiary Qualification Certificates evaluated by SAQA. This could take a couple of months so please do this timeously.

Online Application

TO MAKE AN ONLINE APPLICATION (No Application Fee is payable)

- The Course Code is: **E4DICQ**
- The Mode of Study is DB – “APK Continuing Education Programmes Part-Time”.
- For a quicker and easier application process for first-time (new) applicants use the link below:

Short Web Application

https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/wuj012pkg.wuj012_startup

- And the RETURNING student web link is:
https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/w99pkg.mi_login
- For both processes above the “token” that must be used applicants is **LAWSLP**.
- Password/Pin reset: If you have previously created a password/pin, you will be prompted to login with that password/pin. You can click on the “Forgot Password/Pin” button if you cannot remember your password/pin and follow the instructions to reset your password/pin.

For assistance regarding Applications please contact the University call centre on (+27) 11 559 4555 or at mylife@uj.ac.za

Programme Fees

Fees for 2024	% increase for 2025
R22 840.00	Generally, between 5-10%

A full upfront payment of the course fees is required upon registration. It is advised that students start making payments towards their fees by depositing money into their student account on a monthly basis upon being admitted for the programme. The course fee includes the cost of the textbook.

The UJ registration levy and ICT levy is not refundable if registration is canceled: R1 150.00

Non-refundable International Levy - SADC students: R1 000.00

Contact your course coordinator for the final course fees.

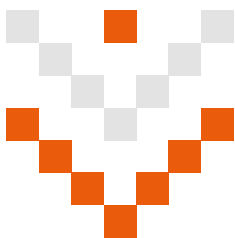
Please be aware that SADC students also pay an international levy. SADC/International students must also contact the International Office of UJ on 011 559 4399 or **Email:** international1@uj.ac.za prior to registration.

Students whose fees are paid by a bursary sponsor or employer must request for a tax invoice from the NSP financial officer, Mr Isaac Moagi - imoagi@uj.ac.za

Students who do not pay the full fees will not be permitted to register and thus will not be able to attend classes.

Administrative Enquiries

More details on the programme are available from the Faculty of Law. Please contact Mrs Prudence Pullen-Lalla, **Tel:** 011 559 3838, **Email:** ppullen-lalla@uj.ac.za



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