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About US

The Council of Legal Education is a corporate body established under the Legal Education Act, Cap 16B of the Laws of Kenya. CLE is mandated to regulate, supervise and license legal education programmes and legal education providers in Kenya. In addition, it administers the Advocates Training Programme (ATP) examination for purposes of admission to the Roll of Advocates in Kenya and advises the Government on matters germane to legal education and training.

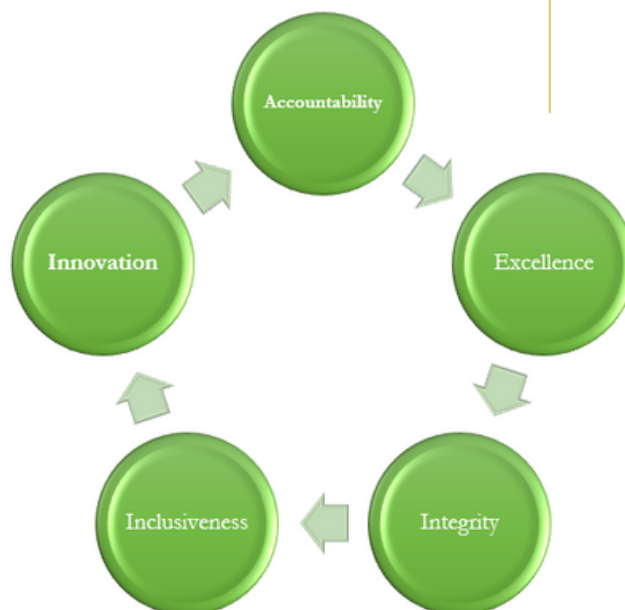
Vision

*Innovative Legal Professionals
Transforming Society*

Mission

*To ensure quality legal
education through responsive
regulation and administration
of Bar Examination*

Core Value

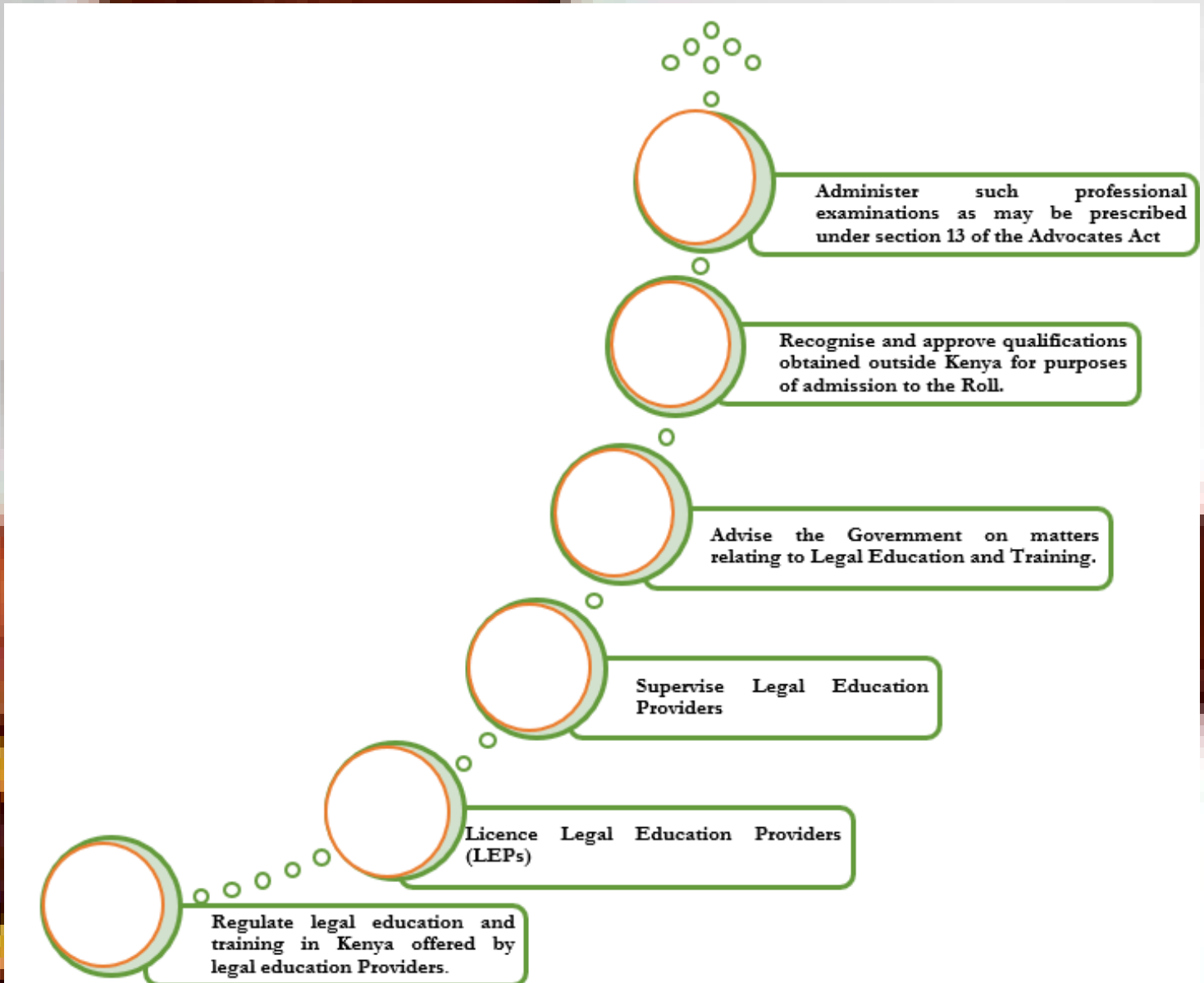




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Working Committee on Legal Education Sector Reforms

The Working Committee on Legal Education Sector Reforms was constituted by the Attorney-General on 28th August 2024 to consider and harmonize the concerns and issues raised by Law students and stakeholders with respect to the legal education and Training sector.

The Committee held stakeholder engagements with several critical stakeholders key among them were the Advocates Training Programme (ATP) Candidates, lecturers, Deans of Schools of Law, the Judiciary, the Law Society of Kenya, the Engineers Board of Kenya, and the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council among others.

The Committee received submissions on:

1. The current legal framework for the entry qualifications criteria to the Advocates Training Programme and admission as an Advocate;
2. The examination process for the Advocates Training Programme;
3. Financial sustainability measures for the legal education sector institutions, specifically the Kenya School of Law and the Council of Legal Education, including the current training and examination fees structure and financial support for students;
4. Reciprocity in terms of admission to the Bar;
5. Proposals to implement the Ojiambo Report on Legal Sector Reforms; and
6. Pertinent issues affecting the execution of the mandate of the Council of Legal Education in particular in relation to accreditation of legal education and training.

The Committee is in the process of preparing its report and findings. CLE will keep our stakeholders updated.



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Review of the Legal Education (Accreditation & Quality Assurance) Regulations

CLE is in the process of reviewing the Legal Education (Accreditation & Quality Assurance) Regulations. We are keen to ensure that the Regulatory framework regarding Legal Education is aligned to our Strategic Plan while at the same time ensuring that it is alive to the current Legal Education landscape.

We shall soon be reaching out to our Stakeholders on:

1. Legal Education (Accreditation & Quality Assurance Regulations).
2. Paralegal Education and Training Regulations.



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ISO STAGE 2 AUDIT

In an effort to ensure that CLE complies with global standards on delivering services to our clients, we undertook the ISO 9001:2015 Stage 2 Audit conducted by Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) on the 7th of October 2024.

The audit was intended to ensure that CLE conforms to ISO 9001:2015 standards. We have established Quality Objectives at all levels within the Council which we monitor regularly.

The ISO audit further looked into the effectiveness of the Quality Management Systems (QMS) that has been put in place.



Audit of the Supply Chain Management Division



Audit of the Directorate of Examination



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It's all systems go, as the November 2024 ATP Examination draws closer

Count Down to the November 2024 ATP Examination

Deferral of Examination

Any registered candidates who wishes to defer the examination will be required to do so between **1st and 7th October 2024**.

Printing of Examination Cards

Examination Authorization Cards shall be available for downloading from the **8th of November 2024**.

Exam Day Protocols

Council has developed protocols to guide the administration of ATP examination which can be found on our website. The philosophy behind the establishment of these guidelines is to enhance credibility and reliability of examination.

Important takeaways :

1. ATP is a written examination. Since Council does not provide pens to candidates, it is expected that all candidates should have enough pens for the examination. Use of fountain pens or any other ink pens is discouraged.
2. All candidates are expected to arrive at their respective examination centers early enough. All examinations start at **9:00 a.m.** and end at **12:00 p.m.**
3. Candidates must carry their examination card, national identity card or passport or KSL student card to be allowed into the examination room.

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Month:

NOVEMBER 2024

ADVOCATES TRAINING PROGRAMME (ATP) EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Notes

18TH NOVEMBER
2024

ATP 101
CRIMINAL
LITIGATION

19TH NOVEMBER
2024

ATP 104
TRIAL ADVOCACY

20TH NOVEMBER
2024

ATP 107
CONVEYANCING

21ST NOVEMBER
2024

ATP 103
LEGAL WRITING
AND DRAFTING

22ND NOVEMBER
2024

ATP 108
COMMERCIAL
TRANSACTIONS

25TH NOVEMBER
2024

ATP 102
PROBATE AND
ADMINISTRATION

26TH NOVEMBER
2024

ATP 106
LEGAL PRACTICE
MANAGEMENT

- Candidates are required to carry their authorized examination card.
- Candidates shall be required to produce their National ID card/ KSL card/ Passport for purposes of identification.
- All Candidates must be at the Examination venue 30 minutes before the start of the Examination.
- Candidates are requested to go to the CENTRE indicated on their examination card.

For more information visit the cle.or.ke website to access the Instructions to Candidates document.

The November 2024 ATP Examination is scheduled to take place from 14th to 26th November 2024. 2,568 candidates are expected to sit for the Bar Examination, which will be administered in three (3) centers, namely;

1. Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) in South C.
2. Kenya School of Law.
3. Cooperative University.



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Examination Irregularities

Examination irregularities are actions or behaviours which compromise the credibility of an examination. An examination irregularity occurs when a candidate;

1. Seeks to improve their performance by accessing, or attempting to access unauthorized material.
2. Fails to follow the instructions during the examination.
3. Creates disturbance during the examination.

- Impersonates another candidate.
- All candidates are expected to observe examination regulations as stipulated in the candidate guide. The following, among others, are prohibited in the examination room:

1. Possession of smart watches, mobile phones and any other electronic devices.
2. Any unauthorized written material.
3. Verbal and any other forms of communication among candidates.



Bar Exam Requirements



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Bar Examination Loan



Cognizant of the importance of financial support for needy Candidates, CLE established the Bar Examination Loan (BEL) in 2019.

The place of financial assistance in education and training cannot be overemphasized. Recent research by Forbes, reveals shocking figures regarding college graduation statistics. The report generally indicates that inadequate grants have a big impact on college graduation rates. In one instance, the report shows that scholarship recipients are more likely to graduate from college than those without. In addition, the report points out that more than two-thirds of college dropouts are from low-income families.

The research brings out the correlation between access to financial support and the rate of completion of higher education.

BEL, is administered by HELB under an agency agreement with CLE. A total of forty-five thousand shillings (Kshs. 45,000) is granted to an applicant to sit for the Bar examination at the rate of 4%.

To benefit from BEL one has to be:

- A student at the Kenya School of Law.
- Registered for the Advocates' Training Programme (ATP) Examination.
- Is a first time ATP examination candidate.

Since 2019, a total of one thousand, six hundred and eighty-six (1,686) candidates have benefited from BEL, Four hundred and forty-four (444) Candidates benefited from the BEL in 2024.



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Expression of Interest for Invigilators

CLE sent out expression of interest for invigilators for the ATP examination which ended on 25th October 2024.

The world over, invigilation is critical part of the administration of examination. Invigilation is one of the quality assurance processes that Council has put in place to ensure it delivers an examination that is credible and reliable.

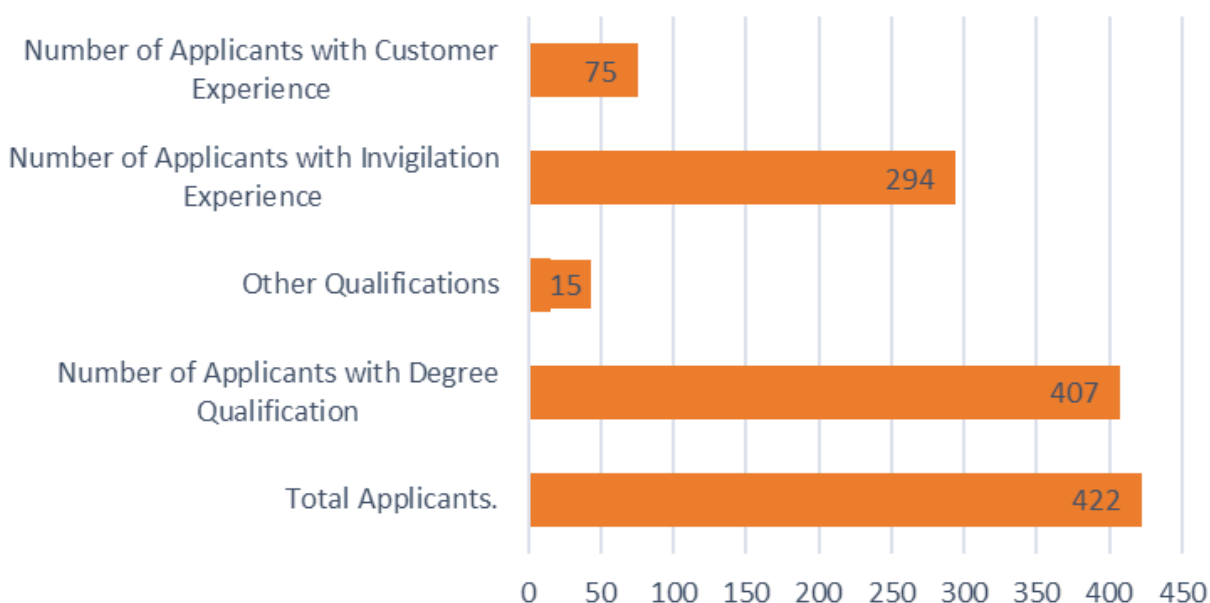
Globally, there are rising cases of cheating in examination hence the need for examination planners and institutions to put in place multi-layered measures to curb this menace.

Invigilation guards the value of academic rigor and discipline.

A total of four hundred and fifty (450) applications were received, all of whom are University graduates, in various disciplines.



Summary of Applicants





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Online Engagement with the November 2024 ATP Candidates



As the Bar examination candidates gear up for one of the most critical tests of their legal careers, any tips that may assist in the preparation becomes essential.

With only a limited amount of time to master a vast array of reading materials, every second truly counts.

Cognisant of this fact, CLE has planned a webinar on **6th November 2024** from **2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** to provide candidates with nuggets that they could use as they prepare to sit for the Examination.

Candidates will have an opportunity to hear from a former marker on the pit falls to avoid when answering questions.

It will also be an opportunity for CLE to inform candidates on the changes to expect during the examination, all of which are aimed at improving the quality and integrity of the examination.

COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION WEBINAR

ADVOCATES TRAINING PROGRAMME EXAMINATION

A Guide to the Bar Examination

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2024

TIME
2:30 PM - 4:30 P.M.

REGISTER NOW

Live Webinar





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Examination Reforms

The November 2024 ATP Examination, a glimpse of some of the reforms

CLE has embarked on a journey to reform the management and administration of the Advocates' Training Programme (ATP) Examination. In our Strategic Plan (2023-2027), Council committed to reform the administration of Bar Examination.

It is for this reason, that the Ad-Hoc ATP Examination Reforms Committee was appointed at the beginning of this year, to evaluate and make recommendations for re-engineering processes which will form part of the management and administration of the ATP Examination going forward.

Some of the notable reforms to be implemented in the **November 2024 ATP Examinations** include:

1. Abolition of the traditional examination booklet and introduction of an A 4 sized answer booklet which comprises of examination questions with provision of adequate writing spaces.
2. All the Nine (9) ATP examination booklets will be color coded.
3. The examination booklet will bear a security QR code which shall be scanned to display the examination booklet serial number.
4. All examination authorization cards shall bear a picture of the candidate in addition to a scannable security QR code.
5. Release of ATP Examination Results shall be via the candidate portal and filtered per the relevant examination series.
6. Candidates will be able to view the total marks scored in every unit, including scores earned per every attempted question.
7. All provisional transcripts will have scannable security QR code for authentication.



"Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." - George Bernard Shaw

Policy Direction

New Policies



A review of several critical policies was undertaken to ensure that they were not only aligned with the legal and regulatory requirements but also geared towards enhancing CLE's operational efficiency and long-term sustainability. The policies reflect a comprehensive approach to governance and address various dimensions of CLE's operations:

Intellectual property Policy

ICT Policy

Records & Archives
Management Policy

Supply Chain Management
Policy & Procedure Manual

Assets Management Policy

Business Continuity Policy

Partnership Policy &
Guidelines

Revenue Policy

Investment Policy



CLE is committed to continuously improving our services, by ensuring that our operations are efficient, legally compliant, and aligned with our strategic goals. To achieve this, CLE has developed a robust set of policies designed to streamline operations, protect our assets, and foster innovation and collaboration. These policies address key operational areas to support CLE's mission of delivering quality legal education and upholding professional standards in the legal field.

In October 2024, CLE formulated various policies with the objective of reinforcing governance and compliance.

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Stakeholder Engagement

Engagement between the CLE Council and LSK Council Members



CLE and LSK Council Members had an engagement on 22nd October 2024 aimed at thrashing our areas of collaboration between the two (2) Councils.

Among the issues highlighted were the general standards of Legal Education in Kenya, the ATP examination, the need for mutual accreditation if a unified standard for Legal Education were to be adopted in the region, concerns raised by candidates and the need for more collaboration among the stakeholders in the Legal Sector, among others.

This was an inception meeting and the conversations will continue with a view of improving partnership and collaboration.

Meeting with Justice Defenders



Ms. Jennifer Gitiri, the Ag. CEO at CLE with representatives from Justice Defenders

The Ag. Secretary/ Chief Executive Officer met with the Justice Defenders representatives to discuss areas of Collaboration including but not limited to the Para-Legal Training in Kenya.

Justice Defenders was founded in 2007 as African Prisons Project, and is a registered US nonprofit and UK charity with nearly 350 people working across three African countries. It mainly works with the imprisoned without access to legal services.



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The Smart Government Summit 2024

Oracle Public Sector Forum: Paving The Way For Kenya's Digital Future

As governments worldwide are embracing digital-first strategies to improve service delivery to citizens, a lot of tech companies are looking for solutions that can enable governments to do so.

CLE participated in the Oracle Public Sector forum held at the Serena Hotel Nairobi on Friday 18th October 2024 as part of our digitization strategy.

Oracle is among the companies that are building digital solutions and services for different governments globally.

Themed **'Smarter Solutions for a Connected Summit'**, the event showcased how Oracle's innovative technologies can propel Kenya into a new era of digital governance.



The Smart Government Summit (SmartGov) was held on the 2nd and 3rd of October 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Nairobi. This year's theme was **"Reimagining Governance: Agile, Open, Inclusive"**. The SmartGov summit stands at the front of Africa's digital transformation, bridging the gap between advanced digital technologies and Government operations. This event comes at a time when Africa's digital landscape is experiencing mounting growth that is shaping public sector innovation. Discussions at the summit geared towards the integration of digital solutions in the Government and provided various perspectives on the future of digital government in Africa.

The event was designed for those in government involved in modernizing public infrastructure, digitizing operations and harnessing emerging technologies to enhance the delivery of services to citizens across African countries.



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The summit could not have come at a better time as CLE envisions a digitally empowered organization where service delivery is efficient, responsive and seamless, to the needs of our Clients. This will involve leveraging on technology to enhance transparency, and accountability in line with our Strategic goal of *“Transformative Legal Education and Training in Kenya”*

This activity was conducted by Tourism Board in partnership with the ministry of Tourism and Wildlife and intended to come up with the appropriate mechanisms to position Kenya as a leading global travel destination. Tourism remains a key pillar in the Kenyan economy, as far as the Bottom-Up transformation agenda is concerned.

The Magical Kenya Travel EXPO



CLE attend the official opening ceremony of the Magical Kenya Travel Expo which was presided over by His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H, the President of the Republic of Kenya. Other guests who attended included the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism Hon. Rebecca Miano, Governor for Nairobi County Hon. Johnson Sakaja amongst other dignitaries, and the theme of the activity was “Explore. Connect. Celebrate.”



In 2023, Tourism generated an estimate of 270 Billion after estimated 1.5M local and foreign tourists visited the country. The President highlighted factors like Sensitization campaigns, reduction in rates and increased technology which would boost our tourism sector.





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Recruitment



VACANT POSITION FOR CEO

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To deliver its mandate, the Council wishes to competitively recruit a Chief Executive Officer to lead its Secretariat.

No.	Position	Reference	Job Grade	No. of Positions
1.	Secretary/Chief Executive Officer	CLE/JOB-001/2024	CLE 1	1

For detailed description of the job, visit our website: www.cle.or.ke under careers and click on the link <https://cle.or.ke/careers/>

Interested and qualified candidates should send an electronic version in PDF format of the application to chairman@cle.or.ke, attaching a filled employment application form, detailed Curriculum Vitae, academic and professional certificates, transcripts, and any other supporting documents and testimonials.

The applications should reach the undersigned not later than **Tuesday, 12th November 2024 at 1700Hrs (East African Time)**.

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To deliver its mandate, the Council wishes to competitively recruit full-time high-caliber officers for the following positions.

No.	Position	Reference	Job Grade	No. of Positions
1.	Director, Standards, Licensing, Supervision and Compliance	CLE/JOB-002/2024	CLE 2	1
2.	Director, Examination	CLE/JOB-003/2024	CLE 2	1

For detailed description of the job, visit our website: www.cle.or.ke under careers and click on the link <https://cle.or.ke/careers/>

Interested and qualified candidates should send an electronic version in PDF format of the application to chairman@cle.or.ke, attaching a filled employment application form, detailed Curriculum Vitae, academic and professional certificates, transcripts, and any other supporting documents and testimonials.

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