



COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION

PUBLIC NOTICE ON THE RELEASE OF THE APRIL 2026 ADVOCATES TRAINING PROGRAMME EXAMINATION RESULTS

The Council of Legal Education recognizes the commitment and effort demonstrated by ATP candidates who sat for the April 2026 Advocates Training Programme (ATP) examination which was administered from 9th to 21st April 2026 in Nairobi County across three (3) Examination Centres.

During the Examination Series, a total of 2,048 candidates registered for the examination, comprising 1,875 re-sit candidates and 173 first-time (regular) candidates. Subsequently, 48 candidates deferred their examination within the prescribed timelines. This then left 2,000 candidates eligible to sit for the examination.

Performance across the examination units reflected varied outcomes in the April 2026 ATP Examination series. ATP 106 - Legal Practice Management recorded the highest pass rate at 86.3%, followed by ATP 100 - Civil Litigation at 57.6% and ATP 104 - Trial Advocacy at 53.7%. ATP 101 - Criminal Litigation recorded the lowest aggregate pass rate of 8.4%, while ATP 108 - Commercial Transactions at 30.1%, followed by ATP 102 - Probate & Administration which recorded pass rate of 30.5%.

ATP 105 - Professional Ethics recorded a pass rate of 41.7%, reflecting an improved pass rate of 17.9% from the 23.84% pass rate recorded in the April 2025 ATP Examination series.

In this examination series, CLE facilitated twelve (12) candidates with special needs through necessary accommodation measures to enhance accessibility. Council commits to continue implementing necessary measures to ensure that all its processes guarantee inclusion for all consumers of its services.

Overall, the April 2026 ATP Examination series recorded an average pass rate of 49.98% compared to 61.86% in the April 2025 ATP Examination series.

Table A: Aggregate Candidate Performance

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UNIT	ATP 100	ATP 101	ATP 102	ATP 103	ATP 104	ATP 105	ATP 106	ATP 107	ATP 108
Total No. of Cand.	255	250	220	883	67	1235	183	391	571
No. Passed	147	21	67	361	36	515	158	192	172
% Pass	57.6	8.4	30.5	40.9	53.7	41.7	86.3	49.1	30.1

In preparation for the April 2026 ATP Examination series, CLE held a stakeholder engagement with the Kenya School of Law on 28th January 2026 and subsequently conducted a candidate engagement webinar on 2nd April 2026 as part of its ongoing stakeholder engagement initiatives. The ATP candidates' engagement session was aimed at providing guidance on examination processes, candidate preparedness, and examination administration processes.

The Council remains committed to upholding the integrity, credibility and fairness of the Advocates Training Programme (ATP) Examination process. As part of the ongoing efforts to safeguard the standards of legal education and training, the Council undertook verification of academic documents submitted by candidates registered for the ATP Examination. The verification exercise revealed that three (3) candidates registered for the 2025 ATP Examination and one (1) candidate from the 2023 ATP cohort had submitted forged academic certificates.



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Consequently, the Council deregistered the affected candidates and referred the matters to the relevant State agencies for further investigation and appropriate legal action.

The Council also notes with concern instances of examination malpractice during the April 2026 ATP Examination series. Although cases of examination irregularities reduced significantly compared to previous examination cycles, two (2) candidates were found to have contravened the examination rules. In accordance with the Council's ATP Examination Rules and its commitment to maintaining the integrity of the ATP Examination, the results of the affected candidates have been cancelled.

The Council reiterates its zero-tolerance on examination malpractice and calls upon all candidates to uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and professionalism expected of aspiring members of the legal profession.

CLE continues to implement reforms aimed at strengthening the administration, setting, marking, and release of the ATP examinations as part of ongoing efforts to enhance the quality, integrity, and accountability of legal professional training in Kenya.

In line with its mandate under the Legal Education Act (Cap. 16B), CLE has developed the Draft Legal Education (Advocates Training Programme) Regulations, 2025, and the Draft Legal Education (Accreditation and Quality Assurance) Regulations, 2025, which have undergone stakeholder consultation and feedback. CLE continues to promote quality legal education through responsive regulation, administration of the ATP examinations, and sustained stakeholder engagement across the legal education sector.

CLE appreciates the continued support and collaboration of the Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice, the National Assembly's Justice and Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC), the Judiciary, the Kenya School of Law, the Law Society of Kenya, and all other stakeholders in advancing legal education and professional training in Kenya.

With acknowledgment of the effort demonstrated by all candidates, the Council hereby releases the results for the April 2026 Advocates Training Programme Examination.

Results are now available on the candidate portal. Candidates requiring clarification can contact support@cle.or.ke

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Congratulations!