

BRIEF LAYOUT OF NATIONAL CONTINUING TRAINING REGIMES IN THE CCBE FULL MEMBER COUNTRIES¹

		Belgium		Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Ireland		
		OBFG	OVB						Bar Council	Law Society	
1.	Introduction year	2002	2002	2008	2006	1995	2005	1994	2005 ²	2003	
2.	Training extent³	20 points/annually	16 points/judicial year	54 lessons/3 years	10 credits/annually	18 hours/annually	20 hours/annually	10 hours/annually	10 points/practice year	12 hours/Jan-Dec 2011	
3.	Activities	Courses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Language courses	NO	✓	✓	NO	✓	✓	NO	NO	✓
		Teaching	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Writing/publishing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Other	NO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	NO	✓
4.	Recognition of foreign training activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5.	Availability of e-methods (e-learning, e-teaching)	✓	NO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6.	Providers	Bar/Law Society	✓	✓	NO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Accredited providers	✓	NO	NO	NO	✓	✓	NO	✓	NO
		Free market providers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7.	Supervision	Regular control	NO	✓	✓	✓	NO	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Random control	✓	NO	✓	NO	✓	✓	NO	✓	✓
8.	Sanctions	Non-disciplinary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NO	✓	NO	✓
		Disciplinary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NO	✓

¹ Also the following jurisdictions have introduced a specific mandatory continuing training regime: Bulgaria, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland (Bar Council), Romania, the Netherlands, General Council of the Bar of Northern Ireland and the Faculty of Advocates of Scotland. The CCBE, however, does not have detailed information about continuing training regimes of those jurisdictions. A specific mandatory continuing training regime has not been introduced in Austria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain; five (5) members have, however, indicated that introduction of a specific mandatory continuing training regime is currently considered. It also shall be noted that, e.g. in Austria, pursuant to Article 10 (6) of the Law on the profession of lawyers, continuing training is mandatory for all lawyers.

² Mandatory since 2007.

³ Training obligation is measured in *hours* (60 min), *points* (1 course hour usually corresponds to 1 point, 1 teaching hour corresponds to 2 points) and *credits* (1 course hour usually corresponds to 1 credit, 1 teaching hour corresponds to 2 credits); in some countries also in *lessons* and *events*.

		Italy	Norway	Poland	Sweden	Switzerland	UK - England and Wales		UK - Northern Ireland	UK - Scotland	
				National Council of Legal Advisers			Law Society	General Council of Bar	Law Society	Law Society	
1.	Introduction year	2008	2004	N/A	2004	2007	1985	1997	2005	1993	
2.	Training extent	90 credits/ 3 years	80 course hours/ 5 years	30 credits/3 years	18 hours/ annually	2 days/ annually (12 credits)	16 hours/ annually	(a) 45 hours/ 3 years; (b) 12 hours/ annually ⁴	10 hours/ practice year	20 hours/ annually	
3.	Activities	Courses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Language courses	NO	✓	N/A	✓	NO	✓	✓	✓	
		Teaching	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Writing/ publishing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Other	✓	✓	N/A	NO	NO	✓	✓	✓	
4.	Recognition of foreign training activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	NO	✓	✓	NO	✓	
5.	Availability of e-methods (e-learning, e-teaching)	✓	NO	✓	✓	NO	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6.	Providers	Bar/Law Society	✓	✓	✓	✓	NO	✓	NO	NO	
		Accredited providers	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	NO	✓	NO	NO
		Free market providers	✓	✓	✓	✓	NO	✓	✓	✓	✓
7.	Supervision	Regular control	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Random control	NO	NO	NO	✓	N/A	✓	✓	NO	✓
8.	Sanctions	Non-disciplinary	NO	✓	NO	✓	N/A	✓	NO	NO	
		Disciplinary	✓	NO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

⁴ (a) New Practitioner's Propogramme (the first 3 practice years); (b) Established Practitioner's Programme (after the first 3 practice years).