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# **QUALIFIED LAWYERS TRANSFER TEST**

## **HEAD IV – PRINCIPLES OF COMMON LAW**

**CANDIDATE BRIEFING DOCUMENT  
ADVANCE INFORMATION**

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## **Head IV – The Principles of Common Law**

The Head IV assessment is designed to test a candidate's knowledge and understanding of the principles of Common Law and also competence in the English language.

The candidate's knowledge and understanding of the principles of Common Law will be tested in two ways:

Firstly by detailed questioning on a specific area of the syllabus notified to the candidate in advance of the Test; and

Secondly questions of a more general nature on all the different areas covered by the syllabus.

### **Test Structure**

#### **Arrival**

On the day of the Oral Test, candidates will be required to arrive at the test venue **45 minutes** prior to the time notified to them as the time of their assessment.

#### **Preparation Time**

30 minutes before the oral test begins, each candidate will be given a document relating to the specific part of the syllabus on which they will be questioned in detail. They will then have 30 minutes to study this document (under examination conditions) and make notes using any of the permitted materials allowed for the Test.

## **The Test**

At the end of the preparation time candidates will be taken to the assessment room. They will be questioned individually by an assessor (or assessors) on the specific subject area notified, with particular reference to the document they have been studying. They will then be asked more general questions on the syllabus as a whole. The assessment will be recorded on video. It will last for 30 to 40 minutes.

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### **Advance Topic**

Candidates should study and prepare in advance to answer questions on the topic of: -

Remedies for a breach of a contract