



**NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES**  
**IN COLLABORATION WITH**  
**OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE, NIGERIA**  
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**APPLICATION FOR HARMATTAN SEMESTER, 2021/2022 ACADEMIC SESSION**  
**ADMISSION INTO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into Online and In-person Full-time Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting, Master of Laws in Legislative Drafting and Master of Philosophy (MPhil)/Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Legislative Drafting for 2021/2022 Academic Session.

The postgraduate courses in Legislative Drafting are approved by the Senate of the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) and run in collaboration with the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, which is Nigeria's apex institution for research and advanced studies in law and is mandated by its enabling Act to run postgraduate courses in legislative drafting. The courses are designed to assist Nigeria and other African countries in producing persons with expertise in legislative drafting; help in meeting the deficit in the demand and supply for future trainers of legislative drafters; and produce highly skilled personnel in legislative drafting for universities within and outside Nigeria desirous of developing courses in the field of legislative drafting in their Law faculties. All the courses curricula incorporate socio-legal research, communication skills, meeting and managing the supervisor, report and proposal writing, grantsmanship and emphasis on critical, analytical, reflective thinking as well as generic skills development. In addition, the repositioned OAU Postgraduate College and Institute Postgraduate School promise timely completion of all programmes.

**1. PROGRAMMES, ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DURATION**

**A. POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (PGDLD)**  
**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

A prospective applicant must hold an LLB degree from a recognised University with a minimum of Third Class grade; have been called to the Bar; and be of good character.

**DURATION**

Candidates admitted for the Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting will be required to spend not less than two semesters, including being on coursework for one semester and subsequently undertake a research project (draft bill/regulation). The total duration of the programme is nine (9) months.

**B. MASTER OF LAWS IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (LL.M)**  
**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

A prospective applicant must hold an LLB degree with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division from a recognised University; have been called to the Bar; and be of good character.

**DURATION**

Candidates admitted for the Master of Laws in Legislative Drafting (LL.M) will be required to spend not less than two semesters, including being on coursework for two semesters (One (1) year) and will undertake a research (long essay) project for six months. The total duration of the programme is 18 (eighteen) months.

**C. MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (MPHIL)/DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD) IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING**  
**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- (i) An applicant, in addition to the requirement for LL.M admission, must possess the following: LL.M in Legislative Drafting of the Institute; LL.M in Legislative Drafting from any other recognised University; or LL.M from any other recognised University.
- (ii) An applicant may, additionally, be required to undergo a selection exercise. A candidate who does not have an LL.M degree in Legislative drafting is required to undertake such other pre-requisite or concurrent studies as may be prescribed by the Institute.
- (iii) All M.Phil/Ph.D applicants are first to be admitted into the M.Phil programme.

**DURATION**

A candidate admitted into the M.Phil/Ph.D programme is expected to complete the programme within a minimum period of six (6) semesters, i.e. Three (3) years and a maximum period of eight (8) semesters, i.e. Four (4) years. Such a candidate will be on coursework and submit two seminar papers in the first two (2) semesters of the programme. A candidate who already has the Institute's LL.M in Legislative Drafting will be exempted from the course work.

**VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CANDIDATES**

- In addition to the admission requirements as published, ALL Candidates should please note that they must satisfy the O'Level requirements for Matriculation into Bachelor of Law

(LLB) programme, i.e. Five Credit passes in relevant subjects at not more than two sittings, including English Language, Literature in English and Mathematics (only where required by the University of first degree).

- All Applicants are required to prepare for a screening examination exercise.

**2. METHOD OF APPLICATION: PURCHASE OF APPLICATION FORM SHALL BE ONLINE ONLY**

Candidates can conveniently complete the application form and pay by taking the listed steps on the Institute's website (see particularly the Institute Admission Portal).

**APPLICATION FORM FEE**

PGDLD N15,000  
LL.M N20,000  
M.PHIL N25,000  
PH.D N30,000

**3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- a) The progress of completed application forms can be monitored on Institute's Admission portal while notification will be sent to applicants once decisions are taken on the applications.
- b) Applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by e-mail.
- c) All Applicants who apply for M.Phil/Ph.D programme should submit a research proposal of not more than 1750 words using a line spacing of 1.5 and Times New Roman font along with their supporting documents.
- d) All successful Applicants should note that they will be bound by all the Postgraduate School Regulations of OAU and NIALS.

**4. OTHER INFORMATION**

- (a) Sponsors such as Employment Agencies, Ministries, Corporations, Parastatals and Foreign Missions should advise their candidates to apply personally for the application form. Multiple applications will lead to cancellation of all applications forwarded.
- (b) Any candidate, currently registered for a postgraduate programme of the Institute or OAU, Ile-Ife, who applies for admission into any of the above postgraduate programmes without disclosure on the application form or without formal withdrawal from the initial programme will automatically forfeit his/her studentship.
- (c) Applications without original copies of transcripts and hard copies of supporting documents will not be considered.
- (d) Successful candidates will receive their letters of admissions through the e-mail addresses supplied.
- (e) Please always check the Institute website for further information and notices.

**5. CLOSING DATE**

Duly completed Application forms must be submitted online on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Sign  
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