



COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES - APRIL 2026 ATP EXAMINATION

The April 2026 ATP Examination will run from Thursday, 9th to Tuesday, 21st April 2026

Registered candidates are required to read the following instructions **carefully**.

Prior to the examination:

1. Candidates are expected to print Examination Cards from Friday, 3rd April 2026. The card identifies the examination centre and the registered units.
2. Candidates should familiarize themselves with the location of the centre before the commencement of the examination.
3. A candidate **MUST** carry the examination authorization card into the examination room, every day of the examination.
4. A candidate shall produce the National ID/KSL ID/Valid National Passport for purposes of identification in the course of the examination.
5. Seats will be allocated by the **Council**. Candidates **MUST** occupy the seat assigned to them by the invigilator. Where necessary, the invigilator may **change** the sitting position of a candidate.
6. A candidate must be at the venue of the examination at least **thirty (30) minutes** prior to the commencement of the examination. No candidate shall be allowed into the examination room **thirty (30) minutes** after the commencement of the examination.
7. No Candidate shall be allowed to leave the examination room during the first **one (1) hour** after commencement of the examination.
8. No candidate shall be allowed to leave the examination room in the **last thirty (30) minutes**.

9. A candidate shall not carry/bring unauthorized material to the examination room. Any candidate who is found to be in possession of unauthorised material commits an **examination irregularity** and shall be subjected to CLE's disciplinary procedures.
10. For purposes of **ATP 101 - Criminal Litigation** a candidate will be allowed to bring/carry a **clean** copy of the Penal Code, Cap 63, Laws of Kenya into the examination room. A Penal Code with markings, writings and those with foreign pages affixed to it shall not be allowed into the examination room/venue.
11. For purposes of **ATP 106, i.e. Legal Practice Management**, a candidate will be allowed to bring into the examination room a noiseless scientific calculator.
12. The following materials shall not be allowed into the examination room:
 - a. Pencil pouches
 - b. Water, snacks and food.
 - c. Hats
 - d. Luggage/personal belongings
 - e. Any written or printed material not authorised by Council
 - f. Electronic gadgets including phones, ear pieces, computers and digital/ smart watches.
13. Candidates are expected to ensure that items brought to the venue are kept safely. Council shall not be held responsible/liable for any loss or damage to items brought to the examination venue.

During the examinations:

14. **Every candidate shall be expected to:**
 - a. Refrain from writing on the examination booklet before the official announcement for the commencement of the examination.
 - b. Read and follow the examination instructions indicated in the examination booklet.
 - c. Indicate the complete registration number on the cover page of the examination booklet and in the leaflets within the booklet.
 - d. Not to write their name on the examination booklet.
 - e. Answer the compulsory question in the examination. Failure to attempt the compulsory question attracts a 'zero' (0) mark for the question. Answering any other question in lieu of the compulsory question is inconsequential.
 - f. Answer/attempt any extra question(s). Only the required number of questions shall be marked and graded.

- g. Read each question carefully before answering. At this level, the examination questions require more than recital of the law. A candidate is required to analyse facts and apply relevant legal principles and logical reasoning before coming up with a conclusion/answer. Illustrate your answer using relevant legal provisions, as may have been interpreted by courts through precedent.
- h. Indicate the booklet serial number on the examination card and the nominal roll.
- i. Write legibly and neatly.
- j. Not to use fountain pens.

15. Examination irregularities shall, among others, include the following:

- a) Passing or receiving verbal, non-verbal, written or sign communication during an examination;
- b) Possession or/and use of technology/devices such as mobile phones and smart watches whether on or off;
- c) Use of any form of devices or unauthorized material such as textbooks, written notes or statutes to transfer information relating to the examination in the examination room;
- d) Impersonation/allowing another person to sit an examination on behalf of the candidate;
- e) Soliciting for information on examinations from any person or attempting to influence examination processes;
- f) Copying another candidate's work or exposing your work to another candidate to copy;
- g) Mutilation of the examination booklet;
- h) Stepping out of the examination room without an invigilator;
- i) Writings on the examination card or in the Penal Code; and
- j) Writings on your body.

15.1. A candidate who commits an examination irregularity shall be liable to disciplinary action. **Council shall *inter alia* nullify the mark attained in that unit/paper.**

15.2. A candidate who unlawfully solicits for confidential information on the ATP Examination from the Council, Council Officers or any person or attempts to influence examination processes whatsoever whether for consideration or otherwise shall be barred from sitting the ATP Examination for such a duration as may be determined by the Council.

16. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that they sign the examination attendance register. Remember that this will be used to account for your script.
17. A Candidate must ensure that they carry enough authorised stationery into the examination room. Borrowing is **NOT** allowed in the examination room.
18. A candidate shall, at all material times, remain seated during the examination. In case a candidate is in need of assistance, they shall raise their hand and the invigilator will attend to them.

After the examination:

19. At the end of the examination, you are required to:
 - a. Remain seated quietly while your answer booklet is collected by the invigilators.
 - b. Leave any other used or unused answer booklets on your desk in the examination room.
 - c. Stay in the examination room until you have been instructed to leave by the invigilator.
 - d. Ensure you submit your script once you are through with the examination.
 - e. Maintain discipline and order within the examination precincts and to follow any instructions given by the invigilators.

20. Ownership of Examination Materials

- a. All examination materials, including examination scripts and marking guides/schemes, shall remain the property of the Council.
- b. A candidate shall not be granted access to their examination script and shall not have examination script returned to them after the examination.
- c. The Advocates Training Programme candidate examination scripts, project booklets, question papers and certificate of completion document shall be disposed of once a candidate is gazetted.
- d. All enquiries by a candidate relating to examinations shall be made within six months after release of the results

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