

Aspirant Prosecutor Programme

Frequently Asked Questions



National Prosecuting Authority
South Africa

Qualifying Criteria

What qualifications must I have in order to apply for this programme?	A South African LLB degree or equivalent foreign qualification, certified as such by SAQA. Alternatively, final year LLB students who would have completed the degree before commencement of the programme. Applicants must be South African.
What major subjects should be included in my LLB degree in order to apply?	Law of Evidence, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure & Interpretation of Statutes

Applications

What relevant certificates do I need to attach in my application?	Submit your comprehensive CV and fully completed Z83 form. Only shortlisted candidates will be required to submit certified copies of qualifications and other relevant documents inclusive of a copy of academic record for final year LLB students.
How do I apply?	All applications must be sent to the email addresses provided for each cluster in the advert.
Do I need to complete the Z83 form in full even when I have no work experience or have attached a CV?	Yes, please complete the Z83 in full, sign and date it as per the advert and attach your CV.
Should I attach a cover letter with my application?	No, that is not necessary.
Do I need to indicate the centre where I wish to be trained on the Z83 form?	Yes, the applicant must indicate the centre where she/he wishes to be trained in the Z83 form under the reference number when he/she applies.
Can I complete my Z83 form electronically?	A handwritten Z83 form must be completed in block letters, if the Z83 is not completed as prescribed, your application will not be considered.
When is the closing date for applications for the 2023 intake?	04 July 2022
When will the 2023 intake commence?	It is anticipated that the programme will commence on 01 February 2023

General Information

Question	Answer
How long is the programme?	12 months
Is there an age restriction in order to apply for this programme?	There is no age restriction.
Can I submit two applications to one cluster?	Applicants should apply for only one chosen cluster. Should an applicant apply for more than one cluster, they will be totally disqualified from the process.
If I already applied to two or more clusters, should I re-apply?	Your application will not be considered if you apply for two or more clusters as stated in the advert.
Should I apply if I am currently doing only one of the modules listed?	No, the following modules should be included in your law degree: Law of Evidence, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure & Interpretation of Statutes
I'm a final year student and have not received my degree certificate yet, will I be disqualified if I don't attach my degree certificate?	Final year LLB students are permitted to apply, however a complete degree must be obtained before commencement of the Programme.
When will the study guide be available on the website?	1 st week of July
Will I be paid during the training programme?	Yes, the salary amount will be R201 387- R233 712 per annum. Those who have relevant experience will not be appointed on the same salary as those who don't have experience. For example, those who have completed their articles.
What can be expected during an oral interview?	The goal of an interview is to determine whether the candidate will be outstanding in the job, and that means evaluating the skills and attitude required for that job.
Can I apply if I have a bad credit record?	Yes, candidates who successfully complete the recruitment processes, will be subjected to vetting and security checks, after which, a decision will be made depending on the outcome.
If I am currently employed in the public service, can I apply for the programme?	Applicants who are employed in any government department, must obtain an approval from their employer before joining the Programme. This includes applicants who are employed by the NPA. Where such approval is denied, the applicant upon successful enrolment, must resign from their current

	employment and join the NPA on contract for 12 months
Can I apply if I have a criminal record?	Yes, please indicate the nature of the offence on the application form. Candidates who successfully complete the recruitment processes, will be subjected to vetting and security checks, after which, a decision will be made depending on the outcome.
How many aspirant prosecutors will be recruited for 2023 intake?	320
Can pregnant women apply for the programme?	Yes, the NPA does not discriminate.
Can I apply if I have a registered company but not doing any business with the state?	Yes,
Where it requires the name of the department on the Z83 form, which department do we write?	National Prosecuting Authority
Can an admitted advocate apply?	Yes
Can I further my studies whilst on the programme?	Yes
Can I re-apply for the programme if I previously applied and did not make it?	If you were previously considered for the programme, you should not re-apply.
Can I apply if I was involved in a civil matter?	Yes
Can people living with a disability apply?	Yes, people living with a disability are encouraged to apply.
Can I indicate more than one centre in my application?	No, you will be disqualified if you do that.
Can I send multiple applications, in each one choosing a different centre?	No, you will be disqualified if you do that.