

STEP ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN CROSS-BORDER ESTATES

ENABLING YOU TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH
COMPLEX ISSUES OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
ACROSS MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS

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This STEP Advanced Certificate offers a detailed insight into the different issues that arise when dealing with cross-border estate planning and succession worldwide.

Written by a team of leading practitioners including Richard Frimston TEP, of Russell-Cooke Solicitors, and edited by Michael Wells-Greco of Charles Russell Speechlys, the programme deals with current topical issues such as EU Succession Regulation 650/2012, Rome IV Regulations and CRS. Other topics include:

- Private international law and international instruments
- Formal and substantive validity of testamentary documents

- Renvoi
- Property and succession
- Family law and civil status
- Tax considerations
- Money laundering and information exchange
- Winding up the estate

This course considers civil, common and Shariah law systems and those that are hybrid. It uses practical examples from a diverse range of jurisdictions.

ENTRY ADVICE

This Advanced Certificate is set at STEP Diploma level. It will be of interest to anyone advising clients with a cross-border aspect to their estate. This includes notaries, lawyers and accountants, as well as those working within banks that offer will writing and probate services, investment management firms and financial services.

It is recommended that applicants have, as a minimum, experience and knowledge of succession and estate administration in their own jurisdiction.

As part of the STEP Qualifications and Membership Framework (QMF), you will need to have 60 Entry Level credits to enrol on this Advanced Certificate. Entry Level credits can be gained through completion of Entry Level Certificates and/or accreditation of prior certificated or experiential learning.

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STEP Diploma Level
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completion!

COURSE STRUCTURE AND ASSESSMENT

Delivered entirely online, this distance learning course takes six months to complete.

Candidates have access to online resources through our online learning platform, which include:

- Soft copy course reading, allowing you to study at your own convenience
- Self-assessment tools
- Course discussion forum

This course is assessed through a 3,500 word assignment based on a case study.

The course covers the following modules:

- Module 1: Introduction
- Module 2: Differences between common law, civil law and Shariah systems (and those that are hybrid)
- Module 3: Private international law of succession and international instruments
- Module 4: Formal and substantive validity of a testamentary document and statutory claims
- Module 5: Renvoi
- Module 6: EU Succession Regulation 650/2012

- Module 7: Family law and civil status
- Module 8: Property and succession
- Module 9: An overview of tax considerations
- Module 10: Winding up the estate (transfer of assets to heirs and settlements of liabilities)
- Module 11: Information Exchange - Combatting money laundering, terrorist financing and tax evasion
- Appendix I: Succession Systems

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completing this Advanced Certificate you will be able to:

- Understand the factors that need to be taken into account when resolving issues of conflict of foreign laws
- Appreciate the fundamental differences between common law, civil law and Shariah law systems, and their respective approaches to succession rights, joint assets, matrimonial property, wills and intestacy
- Be able to advise on the concepts of habitual residence, domicile and nationality, and their application to different scenarios
- Understand the concept of renvoi and its application
- Advise how particular assets in an estate will devolve under different systems taking into account how property is held, issues of intestacy and the application of any relevant conventions/Reg 650/2012
- Provide guidance on how marriage and registered partnerships, adoption and surrogacy can affect succession
- Demonstrate familiarity with a range of succession systems and the interaction between those jurisdictions bound by Regulation 650/2012 and those that are not
- Advise on the practical application of EU Regulation 650/2012 and the approach taken in jurisdictions not bound by Regulation
- Explain the tax regimes adopted in different jurisdictions
- Describe the effect of any applicable tax treaties on any investments held by the deceased
- Know how to administer a cross-border estate in practice

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BUSINESS OUTCOMES

Completing this Advanced Certificate will enable you to:

- Deal more effectively with complex issues of estate administration across multiple jurisdictions
- Demonstrate up-to-date knowledge and understanding of the impact of FATCA, EU Succession Regulation 650/2012 and the Rome IV Regulations
- Enhance the service you offer your existing clients and gain enhanced credibility with prospective clients
- Enhance your capability within an international arena and across different legal systems
- Expand your business in a new direction and take on a more varied client base

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COST

The course fee for this Advanced Certificate is £995 + UK VAT (if applicable).

Full STEP Members receive a discounted rate of £945 + UK VAT (if applicable).

The fee is fully inclusive of all learning resources, distance learning support and assessment fees.

This certificate counts as 30 credits towards the 120 credits required for a STEP Diploma, a route to full membership of STEP

WE ARE STEP

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