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### 8. The Police

There are opportunities for graduates to achieve accelerated promotion in the Police Force. There is no specific requirement to hold a degree in law, but law graduates are of obvious value to the Police Force.

### 9. The Diplomatic Service

Opportunities exist within the Diplomatic Service Fast Stream for graduates of all disciplines with at least a Second Class Honours Degree. Officers within the Fast Stream are involved in policy making. Opportunities also exist within the Main Stream where there are no minimum educational requirements and the work is more practical and based on implementing policy.

### 10. Employment within the European Union

Careers within the European Union are open to nationals of all member states.

The European Commission frequently advertises for law graduates to work within its Directorates. Information about recruitment is available from your local European Commission Information Office.

The Commission also offers placements lasting between four and six months in the European Parliament and Courts of Justice. Some knowledge of a European language is usually required for these placements, which are called "Stages".

## useful addresses

**The Scottish Government  
Human Resources Division  
Recruitment & Promotion  
Unit**, T Spur, Saughton House,  
Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh  
EH11 3XD  
Tel: 0131 244 3981

**Capita RAS  
Innovation Court**,  
New Street, Basingstoke  
Hants RG21 7JB  
Tel: 0870 8333780

**Inland Revenue  
Human Resources Division**  
3rd Floor, Mowbray House  
PO Box 55, Castlemeadow  
Road, Nottingham NG2 1BE  
Tel: 0115 9740604

**The Institute of Chartered  
Accountants of Scotland  
Education Department**  
CA House, 21 Haymarket  
Yards, Edinburgh EH12 5BH  
Tel: 0131 347 0100

**The Association of  
Chartered, Certified  
Accountants**  
64 Finnieston Square  
Glasgow G3 8DT  
Tel: 0141 582 2000

**The Institute of Chartered  
Secretaries & Administrators**  
16 Park Crescent,  
London W1N 4AH  
Tel: 0207 580 4741

**Foreign & Commonwealth  
Office, Personnel  
Management Department**,  
Old Admiralty Building,  
Whitehall, London SW1A 2AF  
Tel: 0207 008 1500

**The London Recruitment  
Unit, HM Customs and  
Excise**, Thomas Paine House,  
Angel Square, Torrrens Street,  
Islington, London EC1V 1TA  
Tel: 0207 865 3194

**The European Commission**  
9 Alva Street  
Edinburgh EH2 4PH  
Tel: 0131 225 2058

**High Potential Development  
Scheme, Home Office**  
2nd Floor, Allington Towers,  
19 Allington Street, London  
SW1E 5EB  
Tel: 0207 035 5050  
(Must have firm job offer from a  
local police force)

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## Career opportunities for LLB graduates

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# career opportunities

Many students completing an LLB Degree will wish to qualify as a solicitor or advocate. However, some will not, and even those who do may find that in difficult economic times it is not possible to find a training place to enable them to compete the qualification process.

For that reason, it is advisable for students studying law to keep their options open. There are certain subjects which form the core of the law degree at each university, but outside those there will be a wide range of options from which to choose. A carefully chosen degree programme may help to make a graduate more attractive to prospective employers.

Details of how to qualify as a solicitor are available in another leaflet entitled "Qualifying as a solicitor" which can be obtained from the Law Society of Scotland.

## Skills

It is important to remember that while studying for your degree you will develop a variety of skills which will be useful to you across a range of careers. For example, communication skills, both oral and written, are fundamental to many careers, as is the ability to solve problems, to work under pressure, manage your time effectively and reach decisions quickly, based upon the facts before you.

## careers open to law graduates

### 1. General Opportunities

Many careers are open to graduates of any discipline and law graduates may find that they are attractive to such employers for the range of

skills they are able to offer. Law graduates will be in competition with graduates holding other degrees, but may find that they are given favourable consideration.

### 2. Civil Service

The Civil Service is one of the largest employers in the UK and recruits many graduates of all disciplines. Individual departments and agencies carry out their own recruitment and graduates are usually appointed at Executive Officer grade. While opportunities exist within many departments, law graduates may be particularly attracted to the Inland Revenue, the Scottish Executive or Customs and Excise.

### 3. Accountancy

Many law graduates go on to qualify as Chartered Accountants. The profession is open to graduates of any discipline although further study may be required, depending on the content of the degree studied. Further information on qualification procedures is available from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

### 4. Financial Services

In addition to accountancy which is mentioned above, opportunities exist in banking, building societies, insurance companies, stockbroking and related professions. A law degree can be an asset in such careers, but will obviously need to be combined with a high level of numeracy and business skills.

### 5. Industry and Commerce

There are various opportunities within these sectors for graduates in areas such as marketing, sales and management. Many companies offer graduate training schemes. One obvious route for law graduates is that of Company Secretary, an area of work where a law degree would be an asset as it involves making sure the company operates within the correct legal framework.

### 6. Human Resources

Most companies have a HR Department, as do local authorities and various public bodies. Knowledge of Employment Law is an asset in this area and for that reason law graduates may find themselves attracted to it. Further qualifications may be necessary, but in many cases it will be possible to study for them while in employment.

### 7. The Media

There is a great deal of competition for jobs in broadcasting, journalism and publishing. A law degree has obvious advantages for certain specialist areas of the media. There are several specialist legal publishers who recruit law graduates to their editorial staff.