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## **The Law National Admissions (LNAT) Consortium renews its contract with Pearson VUE to provide computer based law admission tests**

*23rd October 2008* – The Law National Admissions (LNAT) Consortium have renewed their exclusive contract with Pearson VUE to deliver the National Admissions Test for Law via their UK network of computer testing centres. Pearson VUE has won the contract to deliver the tests until 2011, with the option to renew until 2013.

The LNAT admissions test, launched in 2005 by a consortium of universities, helps law faculties make fairer choices among the many highly-qualified applicants who want to join their undergraduate law programmes. The LNAT exam has two parts; the first is an 80 minute multiple-choice computer-based test; the second a 40 minute essay question. The tests are designed to test key verbal reasoning skills and the ability of the candidate to argue economically.

“We are pleased to renew our contract with Pearson VUE for another three years. We have found the test to be a useful means of selecting candidates from the many well qualified students who apply each year to study law. The LNAT provides a reliable means of comparing candidates with a variety of academic qualifications, and is especially useful in identifying those students with a possible aptitude for studying law who come to university with a range of different backgrounds,” said Ian Hooker, Chairman of the LNAT Consortium.

Pearson VUE leads the way in helping organisations develop and deliver their tests on a computer, delivering some 4 million high-stakes tests worldwide each year. The LNAT onscreen test can be taken by prospective law students at any of the 150 high street test centres owned and operated by Pearson VUE. The test is also available globally in over 300 Pearson VUE authorised test centres, which makes it easier for international students wishing to study law in the UK.

Candidates register and pay to take the LNAT through the Pearson VUE secure, online registration system. Candidates can choose when and where they wish to take the test and may reschedule up to two working days before their scheduled slot.

Paul Howarth, Managing Director at Pearson VUE EMEA, commented. "In the United States, university admission tests are the norm and I believe they will become increasingly popular in the UK. Organisations such as LNAT are clearly seeing the benefits computer based testing brings over traditional paper-and-pencil formats. We are very excited to continue our working partnership with LNAT to deliver this important test."

For further information about the LNAT visit [www.lnat.ac.uk](http://www.lnat.ac.uk)

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### **About Pearson VUE**

Pearson VUE ([www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com)) is the global leader in computer-based testing for information technology, academic, government and professional testing programs around the world. Pearson VUE provides a full suite of services from test development to data management, and delivers exams through the world's largest and most secure network of test centers in 162 countries. Pearson VUE is a business of Pearson (NYSE: PSO; LSE: PSON), the international media company, whose businesses include the Financial Times Group, Pearson Education and the Penguin Group.

### **About LNAT**

The Law National Admissions Test (LNAT) Consortium was formed in 2003 by the universities of Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Nottingham, UEA (East Anglia) Oxford, and University College London. The onscreen law admissions test was launched on 5 September 2005 to provide a useful measure of a candidate's potential to thrive as an undergraduate student on a demanding academic law programme.

The LNAT is a two-hour test in two parts: a multiple-choice element (80 minutes) and an essay element (40 minutes).