

Module Reference**LA 02****Module Title****The Companies Act 2006
(1/2 Day)****Course Introduction**

The Companies Act 2006 is the biggest change to company law in a generation. The Act is intended to simplify and modernise the rules applicable to companies. The Act is being progressively introduced in stages with a final date for full entry into force of October 2008. The Act is the largest Act ever enacted by the United Kingdom Parliament, running to 1,300 sections.

This course will explain the main company law changes introduced by this voluminous Act.

Course Objectives

To introduce the delegate to the main changes introduced by the Companies Act 2006. It will include: -

- * The rules on e-communication between shareholders and the company
- * Codification of directors' duties, the question of directors' liabilities and the changes to the shareholder derivative action procedure
- * The new rules on narrative reporting, namely the Expanded Business Review;
- * De-regulation for private companies;
- * Enfranchising indirect investors;
- * AGM changes;
- * Auditors' liability and independence;
- * Capital maintenance changes and
- * Company constitutional changes.

**Learning Outcomes**

The delegate will leave the seminar with a greater understanding of the most significant changes to company law brought about as a result of the Companies Act 2006.

Who Should Attend?

Directors, Company Secretaries, Senior Managers and anyone who has an interest in the orderly management of companies.

The Presenter – Alan Reid

Alan is a lecturer in law. Prior to joining the Department of Law at the Robert Gordon University he taught at the University of Glamorgan in South Wales and at the Universities of Paisley and Strathclyde.

His research interests include the Law of the European Union, Information Technology and the emergence of European Company Law.

Alan is the author of the third edition of '*EC Law Basics*' Study Guide Textbook and has written over 20 legal journal articles to date.

Course Duration 9.30am – 1.00 pm

Each delegate will receive a Certificate of Attendance on completion of the seminar.