

# INTRODUCTION TO THE POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984

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## COURSE INFORMATION

The Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Act 1984 underpins the lawfulness, fairness and integrity of investigations. Anyone involved in investigative or enforcement activity must understand how PACE and the relevant Codes of Practice apply in practice.

This one-day introductory course is designed to provide participants with a clear, practical understanding of the key principles of PACE and the implications for day-to-day investigative work.

## AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for those who are new to investigations, transitioning into enforcement roles, or seeking to strengthen their foundational knowledge of PACE.

## COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

The course is one-day in length. It can be delivered virtually or in-person.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Know how to ensure admissibility when gathering evidence and producing exhibits.
- Identify when Code B applies to the searching of premises and how to ensure compliance.
- Understand the powers and duties of investigators including when to administer the caution.
- Understand the rights of suspects and how to structure and conduct an interview under caution.
- Recognise common risks and best practice in PACE-compliant investigations including assessments of vulnerabilities.

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