

Qualifying work experience

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The new way of qualifying



QWE – the key facts

Qualifying work experience must:

- be providing legal services for two years (full time or equivalent)
- enable you to develop some or all of our the competences (in Statement of Solicitor Competence)
- be confirmed by a solicitor or Compliance Office for Legal Practice (COLP) – they are not ‘signing off’ whether someone is competent.

You can do it in:

- up to four different organisations
- in a range of organisations such as law firms, law clinics, or in-house. Can be outside a regulated firm and can be done overseas