

Qualified lawyers

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A qualified lawyer is someone who holds a professional legal qualification which confers rights to practise in England and Wales or in another jurisdiction.

What you need to become a solicitor of England and Wales:

Degree or equivalent

In any subject or equivalent level 6 qualification

Learn more [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/check-validate-qualification/degree-equivalent/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/check-validate-qualification/degree-equivalent/)

SQE1

You will need to pass SQE1

Book your exam [\[https://sqe.sra.org.uk/\]](https://sqe.sra.org.uk/)

SQE2

You'll need to pass SQE2 or apply for an exemption

CHECK NOW [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/sqe-exemptions/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/sqe-exemptions/)

Suitability

Pass our background checks and meet our suitability requirements

Learn more [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/)

Qualifying work experience

Unlike other SQE candidates, qualified lawyers do not need two years' qualifying work experience.

Webinar: How to cross qualify as a solicitor



Watch our webinar [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/gl-cross-qualify/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/gl-cross-qualify/) to find out how overseas or UK qualified lawyer can also qualify a solicitor.

Pathways to qualification

Find your [pathway to qualification \[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/) and what you need to do next, including UK lawyers.

SQE training options

See the different [options available \[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/sqe-training-options/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/sqe-training-options/) when studying for the SQE assessments.

Qualified lawyers regulations

Find out more about [principles and approach to qualification \[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/principle-admission/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/principle-admission/) for qualified lawyers.

Qualified lawyers with the Legal Practice Course

Qualified lawyers have two qualification options if they have the LPC. [Learn more \[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/qualified-lawyers-with-the-legal-practice-course-lpc/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/qualified-lawyers-with-the-legal-practice-course-lpc/)

Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme

Information for lawyers who may have [previously taken a QLTS assessment \[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/qlts/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/qlts/).

Jurisdictions where there is political unrest

Learn more about what we do for lawyers from jurisdictions where there is [political unrest \[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/jurisdictions-political-unrest/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/jurisdictions-political-unrest/).