

What to expect before and after admission

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Before admission

When we are satisfied that you have met Regulation 3A.1 of the SRA Authorisation of Individuals Regulations [[solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-individuals-regulations/](#)] you will receive a notification from us that you are ready to choose your admission date in mySRA.

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What is pre-admission screening?

It is an applicant screening check which is completed before admission as a solicitor.

Who should complete pre-admission screening?

Anyone applying for admission as a solicitor who has lived in the UK for 12 months or more during the last five years.

If you have not lived in the UK for 12 months or more during the last five year period you still need to complete pre-admission screening but instead we will check your name and current address and you will be required to upload ID documents instead of DBS screening.

You will also need to upload an original criminal record check from any country you have lived in for 12 months or more during the last five years. The check(s) must be no more than three months old and include an official translation if not in English.

How will I obtain a pre-admission applicant screening and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check?

If you are a trainee we will notify you four weeks before the end of your training that that you are required to go through the screening process.

If you are following another route to admission.

You will need to have a mySRA account to apply for screening. Find out how to get a mySRA account [[mysra/get-mysra-account/](#)].

How long does the pre-admission screening process take?

Please allow four weeks for the application to be processed.

Do I need to send you my results?

We need to see your original DBS certificate if any issues have been identified from the screening process.

Admission day

On the day you are admitted, we will issue your Admission Certificate in mySRA.

When a person is admitted to the roll of solicitors, they will be included on the Solicitors Register within 24 hours.

Once you are admitted, you may need a practising certificate if you want to carry out reserved legal activities. See our guidance to find out if you need one.

When will I receive confirmation that I will be admitted?

We will send you an email confirming your date of admission once your application has been processed.

After admission

You will need to generate your admission certificate in mySRA, which will be available to download immediately from My Individual Applications and Documents in mySRA. If you want to apply for a Practising Certificate you will need to apply for one after you have been admitted.

Will my details automatically appear on the Solicitors Register?

Yes, your details will be added to the register shortly after admission. It will normally take a day or two.

Admission ceremony

The Law Society (not the SRA) will invite you to book a place at an admission ceremony.

This will take place after your admission date at the Law Society Hall in Chancery Lane, London. Attendance is optional.

For further details visit the Law Society's website [<https://events.lawsociety.org.uk/admissions-about>].