

# Exemptions for UK lawyers and barristers of England and Wales

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The Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) will be introduced on 1 September 2021, subject to approval from the Legal Services Board. This will replace the QLTS scheme from this date. Find out what our transitional arrangements are and the timescales for qualifying as a solicitor under QLTS [\[solicitors/qts/transition-sqe/\]](#).

If you are a citizen of the EU/ EEA and qualified in Scotland or you are a fully qualified barrister of England and Wales, you may be eligible for pre-agreed exemptions.

Find out more about exemptions if you are qualified in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland [\[solicitors/qts/exemptions/nir-roi-lawyers/\]](#).

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## *Pre-agreed exemptions*

The QLTS assessments test knowledge of the Day One Outcomes. To meet the outcomes, you must demonstrate that you have relevant knowledge in the Law and practice of England and Wales. The following pre-agreed exemptions apply.

Outcome	Solicitor of Scotland	Barrister of E+W (with pupillage)
A1		✓
A2	✓	✓
A3		
A4	✓	
A5		✓
A6	✓	✓
A7		✓
A8		✓
A9		✓
A10	✓	✓
A11	✓	
C1	✓	
C2		✓
C3		
C4		

We carried out a benchmarking exercise that compared the above routes to qualification with that of a solicitor of England and Wales.

More on how to apply for additional exemptions [[solicitors/qlts/exemptions/additional-exemptions/](#)]

### *Is there a fee?*

There is no fee for this application.

### *How to apply*

You will need to make your application by applying online in mySRA.

First, you will need to create an account to log in to mySRA. Watch our video [[mysra/manage-account/individual-account/](#)] to find out how. You will need to download the application on the getting started page in mySRA before you can start to complete it.

Always save a back up copy of the application to your hard drive. To return to your application once you have started it, go to 'my applications and documents.'

Upload a copy of your certificate of good standing from your home Bar Association. If voluntarily suspended, submit a letter from your home Bar and one from your employer.

We aim to provide you with a decision within 30 days of receiving your application.

*Apply for QLTS exemptions - Exemptions agreed in the UK and Ireland*

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