

Paths to Law in the UK

Qualifying as a Solicitor into Scotland

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
LLB in Scots Law	LLB in Scots Law	LLB in Scots Law	LLB in Scots Law	DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract		
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Graduate LLB in Scots Law	Graduate LLB in Scots Law	DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Graduate LLB in Scots Law	Graduate LLB in Scots Law	DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract	
Pre-PEAT Training contract	Pre-PEAT Training contract	Pre-PEAT Training contract	DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract			

Qualifying as an Advocate into Scotland

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	
LLB in Scots Law	LLB in Scots Law	LLB in Scots Law	LLB in Scots Law	DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract	9 months Deviling + exam		
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Graduate LLB in Scots Law	Graduate LLB in Scots Law	DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract	9 months Deviling + exam
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Graduate LLB in Scots Law	Graduate LLB in Scots Law	DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract	9 months Deviling + exam	
Pre-PEAT Training contract	Pre-PEAT Training contract	Pre-PEAT Training contract	DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract	9 months Deviling + exam			

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Qualifying as a Solicitor in England and Wales

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
LLB in English and Welsh Law	LLB in English and Welsh Law	LLB in English and Welsh Law	LPC FT	Training Contract	Training Contract				
LLB in English and Welsh Law	LLB in English and Welsh Law	LLB in English and Welsh Law	LPC PT	LPC PT	Training Contract	Training Contract			
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	GDL	LPC FT	Training Contract	Training Contract		
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	GDL	LPC PT	LPC PT	Training Contract	Training Contract	
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	LPC FT	Training Contract	Training Contract	
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	LPC PT	LPC PT	Training Contract	Training Contract
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	GDL	LPC FT	Training Contract	Training Contract			
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	GDL	LPC PT	LPC PT	Training Contract	Training Contract		
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	LPC FT	Training Contract	Training Contract		
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	LPC PT	LPC PT	Training Contract	Training Contract	
Pre qualification Training contract	Pre qualification Training contract	Pre qualification Training contract	LPC	Training Contract	Training Contract				
Pre qualification Training contract	Pre qualification Training contract	Pre qualification Training contract	LPC PT	LPC PT	Training Contract	Training Contract			

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Qualifying as a Barrister in England and Wales

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
LLB in English and Welsh Law	LLB in English and Welsh Law	LLB in English and Welsh Law	BPTC FT	Pupillage 12 months					
LLB in English and Welsh Law	LLB in English and Welsh Law	LLB in English and Welsh Law	BPTC PT	BPTC PT	Pupillage 12 months				
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	BPTC FT	Pupillage 12 months		
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	BPTC PT	LPC PT	Pupillage 12 months	
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	GDL	BPTC FT	Pupillage 12 months			
Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	Other degree in Scotland	GDL	BPTC PT	BPTC PT	Pupillage 12 months		
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	BPTC FT	Pupillage 12 months			
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	Graduate LLB in English and Welsh Law	BPTC PT	LPC PT	Pupillage 12 months		
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	GDL	BPTC FT	Pupillage 12 months				
Other degree in England	Other degree in England	Other degree in England	GDL	BPTC PT	BPTC PT	Pupillage 12 months			

Paths to Law in the UK

University qualification to both E&W and S

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Dual LLB in Scots and English and Welsh Law	Dual LLB in Scots and English and Welsh Law	Dual LLB in Scots and English and Welsh Law	Dual LLB in Scots and English and Welsh Law	DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract	
				DPLP	Training Contract	Training Contract	9 months Deviling + exam
				LPC FT	Training Contract	Training Contract	
				BPTC FT	Pupillage 12 months		

Further information:

Scotland

The LLB Degree	You can study Scots Law at one of ten accredited providers in Scotland. There are honours, ordinary, part-time and online options available as well as the accelerated LLB for postgraduates.
The Dual LLB Degree	As above, but studying both Scots Law as well as English and Welsh law. There are 2-3 providers in Scotland, no known providers in England.
Diploma in Professional Legal Practice	A mandatory one-year course that makes you day one-ready to start your traineeship. The Diploma is currently offered at six universities in Scotland.
Deviling	You must undertake an eight or nine month period of unpaid practical training (deviling) with an experienced advocate (devilmaster) which, when completed, is followed by a final competency assessment.
Pre-Peat Training	There are various reasons you might not be in a position to go back to university to study the LLB. Find out about undertaking a pre-PEAT training contract in conjunction with the Law Society's exams.
The Training Contract	Finish your legal education by learning 'on the job', by working as a trainee under the supervision of a qualified Scottish solicitor. When you have successfully completed your traineeship, which spans a two-year period, you are ready to apply to take out a solicitor's practising certificate.

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England

The LLB Degree	You can study English and Welsh Law at several accredited providers in England and Wales. There are honours, ordinary, part-time and online options available as well as the accelerated LLB for postgraduates.
The Graduate Diploma of Law	An intense one-year course covering the required knowledge for pursuing the remaining steps in qualifying as a solicitor or barrister in England and Wales. It is covered by several providers in England and Wales.
Legal Practice Certificate	A mandatory one or two year course that makes you day one-ready to start your traineeship. The Certificate is currently offered at several universities and other providers in England and Wales.
Barrister Professional Training Course	A mandatory one or two year course that makes you day one-ready to start your traineeship. The BPTC is currently offered at around six providers in England and Wales. Usually, the providers require a minimum of a 2:1 in your degree. You must also have become a member of an Inn of Court and have passed the Bar Course Aptitude Test (which you can sit anywhere in the UK and which lasts around 90 minutes).
Pre qualification Training	There are various reasons you might not be in a position to go back to university to study the LLB. You can undertake a training contract in conjunction with the Law Society's exams.
The Training Contract	Finish your legal education by learning 'on the job', by working as a trainee under the supervision of a qualified E &W solicitor. When you have successfully completed your traineeship, which spans a two-year period, you are ready to apply to take out a solicitor's practising certificate.
The 12 months Pupillage	Finish your legal education by learning 'on the job', by working as a pupil under the supervision of a qualified E &W barrister. When you have successfully completed your pupillage, which spans a one-year period, you are ready to apply to take out a barrister's practising certificate.

Other routes to qualifying as a solicitor in England and Wales:

The Solicitors Regulation Society, SRS, provides further information about different routes to qualifying as a solicitor in England and Wales, including the CILEx route, as well as the new 'Super Exam' proposed to replace the current LPC + Training Contract. You will find more information at the following website: <https://www.sra.org.uk/students/academic-stage.page>

Other routes to qualifying in Scotland:

For further information on qualifying as a solicitor in Scotland, please see the Law Society of Scotland's website (<https://www.lawscot.org.uk/qualifying-and-education/>) and for information on qualifying as an Advocate, please see the Faculty of Advocates' website (<http://www.advocates.org.uk/about-advocates/becoming-an-advocate>).

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Other routes to qualifying as a solicitor:

Qualifying from one jurisdiction to another in the UK

Once you are a qualified solicitor/barrister, you can qualify into another jurisdiction, for instance from Scotland to England or Northern Ireland or vice versa. You must first obtain a certificate of eligibility. Once your certificate of eligibility has been granted, you are then eligible to enrol for the **Intra-UK Transfer** test. This is an 'open book' test and candidates are permitted to take into the examination hall any books or materials, including a candidate's own notes.

Qualifying as a solicitor into the UK, via the New York / California Bar

Once you have completed a UK law degree, you can sit the NY/California Bar Entrance Exams and then request admittance to the relevant bar. This is open to non-US citizens, but you must satisfy the relevant criteria. As a US attorney, you can then cross-qualify into the UK, sitting the relevant cross-qualification exams imposed on foreign lawyers. These differ, depending on where you are qualifying from and to.