



# Qualifying with the LPC and using qualifying work experience and SQE2 pathway

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You can only qualify through this route if you meet our [transitional requirements](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/becoming-solicitor-legal-practice-course-transitional-requirements/). [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/becoming-solicitor-legal-practice-course-transitional-requirements/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/becoming-solicitor-legal-practice-course-transitional-requirements/) If you do not meet these, you will need to qualify under the [SQE](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/).

Alongside having a qualifying law degree and the Legal Practice Course, here are the steps you need to take before applying for admission as a solicitor of England and Wales.

## Create your mySRA account - do this first

- Create a mySRA account – this is where you will tell us you want to use qualifying work experience and SQE2 as an equivalent and apply for admission. Find out how to [create an account](https://referral.sra.org.uk/mysra/get-mysra-account/#heading_a27d) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/mysra/get-mysra-account/#heading\\_a27d\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/mysra/get-mysra-account/#heading_a27d).

## Tell us you want to use the equivalence - do this second

- Complete the substitute qualifying work experience and SQE2 as an equivalent to a [period of recognised training application](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/substitute-qwe-sqe2-equivalent-training/) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/substitute-qwe-sqe2-equivalent-training/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/substitute-qwe-sqe2-equivalent-training/).

## Create your SQE assessment account

- Create an SQE assessment account to book your SQE2 exams and get your results. [Find out how](https://sqe.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking) [\[https://sqe.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking\]](https://sqe.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking).
- Please make sure the names match exactly with your mySRA account.

## Retrieve SQE assessment results - when you have passed SQE2

- You'll need to retrieve your results in mySRA once you have passed the SQE2 assessment. Log into mySRA, and in 'Start a new



application' you'll find the 'Retrieve your SQE results' application.

## **Register your qualifying work experience - anytime**

- You must register two years' [qualifying work experience](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/) before you can apply for admission Find out more about [recording your work experience](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/registering-qualifying-work-experience/) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/registering-qualifying-work-experience/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/registering-qualifying-work-experience/).

## **Background checks and suitability - just before applying for admission**

- We check your suitability when you are applying for admission. You can also speak to us early if you have [any potential concerns](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/).
- You will need to do a background check/screening. Once complete, you are ready to apply for admission. Find out how to [apply for screening](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/screening/) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/screening/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/screening/).

## **Applying for admission**

- When applying, you will choose 'Trainee Solicitor (period of recognised training) route' on the application. Find out more about [applying for admission](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/admission-forms-fees/) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/admission-forms-fees/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/admission-forms-fees/).

## **Applying for a practising certificate - after choosing your admission date**

Once you have chosen your admission date, you can apply for a practising certificate. Find out [how to apply](https://referral.sra.org.uk/mysra/manage-account/individual-account/step-by-step-guides/apply-practising-certificate/) [\[https://referral.sra.org.uk/mysra/manage-account/individual-account/step-by-step-guides/apply-practising-certificate/\]](https://referral.sra.org.uk/mysra/manage-account/individual-account/step-by-step-guides/apply-practising-certificate/).