

Job Title: Solicitor



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Entry requirements:	<p><u>University</u></p> <p>In order to qualify, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• take an undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification, in any subject• pass part 1 and 2 of the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE)• complete 2 years (or equivalent if part-time) qualifying work experience• meet the character and suitability requirements of the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) <p>Though your degree does not have to be in Law, you will need some legal knowledge to pass the SQE.</p> <p>To study Law at some universities you'll need to pass the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT).</p> <p>Entry requirements</p> <p>You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 A levels or equivalent <p><u>Apprenticeship</u></p> <p>You could do a solicitor degree apprenticeship to qualify as a solicitor.</p> <p>This route usually takes around 5 to 6 years and you'll need your employer's support to do it.</p> <p>You'll also need to take the SQE, demonstrate relevant work experience and meet character and suitability to practice requirements.</p> <p>Entry requirements</p> <p>Employers will set their own entry requirements.</p> <p><u>Work</u></p> <p>You could start with a legal firm and do on-the-job training like the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx) Level 6 Professional Diploma in Higher Law and Practice</p> <p>You would then need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• pass part 1 and 2 of the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE)• show you have 2 years (or equivalent if part-time) qualifying work experience• meet the character and suitability requirements of the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA)
Skills required:	<p>You'll need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • excellent verbal communication skills to work with different people • active listening skills • analytical thinking skills for working on complex cases • knowledge of English language for explaining legal matters to non-experts • to be thorough and pay attention to detail • excellent written communication skills • the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure • to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently • the ability to use your initiative • the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure • excellent verbal communication skills • to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently
What you'll do:	<p>In this role you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advise and represent clients in court • instruct barristers or advocates to act for clients • draft confidential letters, contracts and legal documents • research legal records and case law • attend meetings and negotiations • manage finances and prepare papers for court • use plain English to explain complex legal matters to clients • keep up to date with changes in the law
What you'll earn:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starter – £25,000 • Experienced - £100,000 <p>Average Salary - £65,000</p> <p><i>These figures are a guide</i></p>
Working hours, patterns and environment:	<p>Working hours tend to be 39 – 50 hours per week</p> <p>You could work in an office, in a court, in a prison or at a police station</p>
Career path and progression:	<p>With experience, you could become a partner in a private practice firm of solicitors.</p> <p>As a commercial solicitor, you could manage an in-house legal department.</p>