

Breakdown of routes to admission

The number of solicitors being admitted to the roll in England and Wales has increased.

The table below provides a breakdown of those admitted in the 12 months to end of August 2024 and the 12 months to end of August 2025 by their routes to qualification.

In the 12 months to end of April 2025, 65% of new solicitors took the Legal Practice Course followed by a period of recognised training. The second most popular route is now the SQE route.

| Date(s) | Legal Practice Course followed by a period of recognised training | Chartered Legal Executives (CiLEX) & Assistant Justices; Clerks | Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme | Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test | SQE | Registered European Lawyer | Equivalent Means | Republic of Ireland Exempt | Northern Ireland Exempt | |
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| September 2024 to August 2025 | 6059 (63%) | 147 (2%) | 6 (0%) | 3 (0%) | 3043 (32%) | 0 (0%) | 113 (1%) | 158 (2%) | 52 (1%) | : |
| September 2023 to August 2024 | 6503 (67%) | 197 (2%) | 242 (2%) | 5 (0%) | 2448 (25%) | 1 (0%) | 113 (1%) | 142 (1%) | 46 (0%) | (|