



# Admission to the roll of solicitors and related fees

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## Create a mySRA account

You will need to create a mySRA account if you don't already have one. Find out [how to do this](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/mysra/get-mysra-account/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/mysra/get-mysra-account/].

## Background checks before applying for admission

Before you apply for admission, you must have completed your background screening. This is carried out for us by Atlantic Data and costs £34. [Find out how to apply for screening](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/screening/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/screening/].

There is also an option to complete an [early character and suitability assessment](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/] before admission if you have any concerns about suitability issues.

## Qualified lawyers with an SQE2 assessment exemption

If you have had an SQE2 exemption, you must demonstrate your English or Welsh language competence before applying for admission. Find out [what evidence you will need](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/sqe-exemptions/english-or-welsh-language-proficiency/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/sqe-exemptions/english-or-welsh-language-proficiency/].

## Applying for admission

You must meet all the requirements for the route you wish to apply under before you can start your application:

- LPC route - find out [what you need to do](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/period-recognised-training/your-period-recognised-training/applying-solicitor-prt/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/period-recognised-training/your-period-recognised-training/applying-solicitor-prt/].
- SQE route - find out [what you need to do](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/] for your pathway to admission.

Once you have your screening results, you can apply for admission in your mySRA account. Please make sure you choose the correct route at the start.



## Disclosing a suitability issue

When applying to be admitted as a solicitor, you must disclose any issues covered by our [Assessment of Character and Suitability Rules](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/what-character-suitability/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/what-character-suitability/]. This includes matters identified in your background screening.

We also have information on what to expect if disclosing a suitability issue [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/character-and-suitability/disclosing-character-suitability-issue/].

## Your first practising certificate

If you carry out [reserved legal activities](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/practising-certificate/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/practising-certificate/], you will need a practising certificate. You can apply for your first practising certificate once you have chosen your admission date.

Find out [how to apply](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/mysra/manage-account/individual-account/step-by-step-guides/apply-practising-certificate/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/mysra/manage-account/individual-account/step-by-step-guides/apply-practising-certificate/].

## Fee

The admission fee is £100. You will need to pay by credit or debit card before submitting your application.

There is a separate fee for your practising certificate.

## Our service level

We aim to admit you within 30 days unless there is a character and suitability issue.

## How to apply

[Apply for admission to the Roll](#)

[Log in to mySRA to apply, go to start a new application](#)

[https://guidance.sra.org.uk/link/93f017776e78490eac32edeb8f5a63e0.aspx]

## [Registered Swiss lawyers](#)

Swiss lawyers who have registered and completed the adaptation period or passed the aptitude test can apply.

### Adaptation period route



You must complete our background checks and other requirements before applying for admission:

- [Check and validate your degree](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/check-validate-qualification/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/check-validate-qualification/]
- [Demonstrate your English or Welsh language proficiency](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/sqe-exemptions/english-or-welsh-language-proficiency/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/qualified-lawyers/sqe-exemptions/english-or-welsh-language-proficiency/]
- [Apply for background checks and screening](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/screening/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/screening/]

Once you have completed these steps, you can apply for admission. [Please find the relevant application on the adaptation period route page](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/swiss-lawyers/adaptation-period-route/#three-year) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/swiss-lawyers/adaptation-period-route/#three-year].

The admission fee for registered Swiss lawyers who have completed the adaptation period is £500.

### **Aptitude test route**

The admission fee for Swiss lawyers who pass the aptitude test is £100. You can apply for admission in [mySRA](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/mysra/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/mysra/] under the SQE route.

[Further information and guidance for Swiss lawyers](https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/swiss-lawyers/) [https://guidance.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/swiss-lawyers/].