

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 April 2024 and the 12 months to end of April 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	Other
May 2024 to April 2025	6278 (65%)	176 (2%)	38 (0%)	5 (0%)	2823 (29%)	0 (0%)	101 (1%)	172 (2%)	59 (1%)	1 (0%)
May 2023 to April 2024	6448 (70%)	210 (2%)	338 (4%)	5 (0%)	1914 (20%)	1 (0%)	125 (1%)	123 (1%)	51 (1%)	0 (0%)