

# Apply for Higher Rights of Audience

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## Step by step guide

### About this application

This is for a solicitor or registered European lawyer (REL) who wish to exercise their right to represent clients as a criminal or a civil advocate, or both, in higher courts in England and Wales. [See full guidance and details about the scheme.](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources-archived/continuing-competence/cpd/accreditation/higher-rights-of-audience/) [\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources-archived/continuing-competence/cpd/accreditation/higher-rights-of-audience/\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources-archived/continuing-competence/cpd/accreditation/higher-rights-of-audience/)

Make sure you have read the [full regulations](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-individuals-regulations/) [\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-individuals-regulations/\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/authorisation-individuals-regulations/) which set out the education and training requirements for those seeking to exercise higher rights of audience.

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### Get ready

You will need to have already completed and passed the advocacy assessment(s) to apply. You will need to upload a copy of your certificate(s) as part of your application.

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### How to pay

This application is £75. You can pay by credit or debit card at the end of this application.

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### Making your application

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

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If you are a REL and EU/EEA or Swiss national who has qualified in an EU jurisdiction, you meet the requirements of [Directive 2005/36 \(Recognition of Professional Qualifications\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32005L0036) [\[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32005L0036\]](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32005L0036) and are eligible to apply under Regulation 9.10(a). You will need to [contact us](https://rules.sra.org.uk/contactus) [\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/contactus\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/contactus) to apply. As part of the application, you will also need to complete an [Assessment Table](#)

[\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/globalassets/documents/solicitors/accreditation/higher-rights/hra-assessment-table.docx\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/globalassets/documents/solicitors/accreditation/higher-rights/hra-assessment-table.docx).

This information will help us assess which (if any) assessments you will need to take to be able to gain higher rights of audience as an REL.