



I WANT TO BECOME A SOLICITOR. HOW DO I QUALIFY?

This is a 'quick and ready' guide to your options. You **must** refer to the SRA website [here](#) for further details about each of these routes.

1. The traditional approach
 - a. Study a qualifying law degree at University (the academic stage)
 - b. Do the Legal Practice Course (the vocational stage)
 - c. Get a Training Contract and complete PSC (the vocational stage)
 - d. Qualify

2. The non-traditional, traditional approach
 - a. Study a degree that is NOT law at University (the academic stage)
 - b. Do the Graduate Diploma in Law (the academic stage)
 - c. Do the Legal Practice Course (the vocational stage)
 - d. Get a Training Contract and complete PSC (the vocational stage)
 - e. Qualify

90% of solicitors qualify following one of the above traditional routes. But what happens if you do the Legal Practice Course and you can't get a Training Contract?

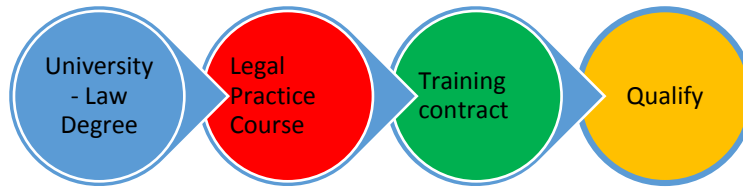
3. Equivalent means. Read here for more information [case study](#). If you follow this route, you need to prove to the SRA that you have completed either the academic and/or vocational stage of training by different means (usually through work experience). This is usually used to exempt you from a training contract rather than a degree or the GDL. Read this for more information [here](#)

Alternatively, you may decide to go down one of the 'earn as you learn' routes below.

4. Apprenticeship
 - a. Don't go to university
 - b. Get a job in a law firm
 - c. Study part-time for 6 years (Read [here](#) for more information)
 - d. Qualify

5. The CILEX route
 - a. Don't go to university
 - b. Get a job in a law firm
 - c. Study part-time with ILEx (Read here for more information [CILEx Home](#))
 - d. Do the Graduate Diploma in Law (exemptions possible), Legal Practice Course and complete PSC
 - e. Qualify

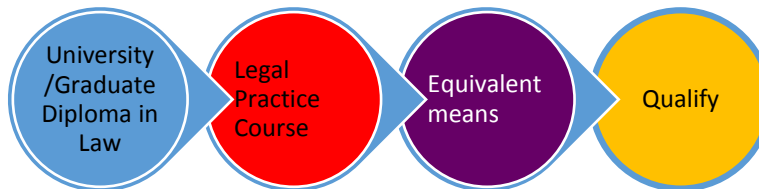
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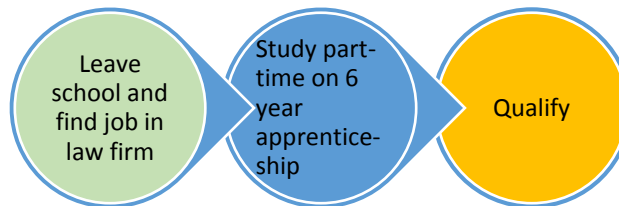
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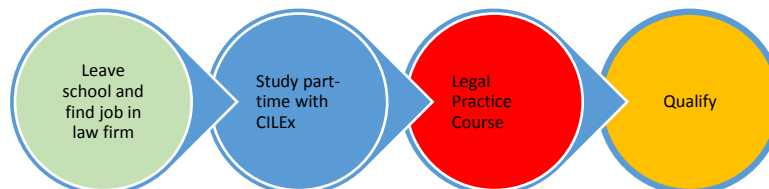
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If you would like to discuss your options, please feel free to call Jo-Anne Pugh or Katie Jukes at BPP University on 0113 386 8267 or 0113 386 8272.