

## How does this affect me?

The changes will come into effect from the 2018 academic year and will affect the way students qualify to become a barrister if they have not already begun their BPTC course by then. Students and training providers will be affected by our changes.

## Want more information?

Visit the Future Bar Training section on our website:

<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/qualifying-as-a-barrister/future-bar-training/>

Read our full consultation:

[https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/media/1789161/future\\_bar\\_training\\_routes\\_consultation\\_\\_final.pdf](https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/media/1789161/future_bar_training_routes_consultation__final.pdf)

## How do I let you know my thoughts?

To let us know what you think of our proposals and how they will affect you, please visit our website:

<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/about-bar-standards-board/consultations/open-consultations/>

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# Future Bar Training

How can we  
improve training  
for the Bar?

## Why are we changing the training to become a barrister?

- We want to make training more flexible, accessible and affordable, while sustaining high standards.
- In 2014, we launched the Future Bar Training programme in response to the joint review of legal education with other legal regulators.

- In 2015, we developed a Professional Statement which sets out the knowledge, skills and attributes required on the first day of practice.
- To find out more about our Professional Statement, visit our website:

<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/qualifying-as-a-barrister/future-bar-training/professional-statement/>

## What are the changes that we are proposing?

We have developed three possible options to align training with our Professional Statement. The three options are:

- Ⓐ 'Evolutionary' approach
- Ⓑ 'Managed pathways' approach
- Ⓒ 'Bar specialist' approach



### The 'Evolutionary' approach

This option would retain the three sequential stages in the current system: academic legal education (law degree or Graduate Diploma in Law), vocational training (Bar Professional Training Course) and work-based learning (pupillage)



### The 'managed pathways' approach

Under this option several routes might be authorised, including:

- following the current three stage approach (as in Option A)
- combining academic and vocational learning
- combining vocational and work-based learning and
- completing all learning separately over time in a modular way



### The 'Bar specialist' approach

Students would need to hold a degree, in any subject, and then complete a Bar Entrance Exam. The exam would test knowledge and understanding of legal procedure in the context of sound legal knowledge.

Students would then complete a three month training course, instead of the BPTC, followed by a period of work-based learning.