

The table below sets out the requirements for the [Professional Ethics assessment](#) during pupillage.

Bar training students who started a course from 2020 onwards	Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) students who passed a Professional Ethics exam as part of their BPTC and are starting pupillage in May 2024 or after	Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) students who passed a Professional Ethics exam as part of their BPTC and are starting pupillage before May 2024	Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) students who still had/have assessments to pass after Summer 2022	Transferring qualified lawyers (TQLs)
<p>If you are a Bar training student who started a course from 2020 onwards, you will take a Professional Ethics assessment as part of your course. If you go on to</p>	<p>If you are a BPTC student who passed either the Professional Ethics centralised assessment in Spring 2021 or earlier, or the Professional Ethics assessment set by providers in Summer 2021 or Spring 2022</p>	<p>If you are a BPTC student who passed either the Professional Ethics centralised assessment in Spring 2021 or earlier, or the Professional Ethics assessment set by providers in Summer 2021 or</p>	<p>If you are a BPTC student and you have not successfully completed the relevant assessments for whatever reason, including where mitigating circumstances apply as</p>	<p>If you are a TQL and have been given an exemption from some of the requirements of Bar training, you may still be required to complete a period of pupillage or work-based learning before you are granted</p>

<p>pupillage (at any point) you are required to take the Professional Ethics assessment during pupillage.</p>	<p>you will now be required to take the Professional Ethics assessment should you start pupillage from May 2024 onwards.</p>	<p>Spring 2022 you do not have to take any further Professional Ethics assessment should you start pupillage before May 2024.</p>	<p>determined by your course provider, you will be affected in the following ways:</p>	<p>authorisation to practise as a barrister.</p> <p>If you are required to complete a period of pupillage or work-based learning as a transferring qualified lawyer, you may also be required to complete the Professional Ethics assessment during your pupillage.</p>
	<p>The first opportunity to do so will be July 2024 (ie this will be for BPTC graduates who enter pupillage</p>		<p>You will need to take the new form of vocational component Professional Ethics examination which will be set</p>	<p>The assumption is that all TQL pupils will take the Ethics exam unless you can demonstrate to us reasons for an exemption, for</p>

	from May 2024 onwards).		by your provider. This will assess the knowledge and understanding of Professional Ethics required for Call to the Bar.	example you are a transferring solicitor who has been awarded Higher Rights of Audience. Please contact the Authorisations team regarding any exemptions.
			Should you go on to pupillage/work-based learning you will need to take the new centralised examination in Professional Ethics during pupillage. This will build upon the knowledge and understanding of Professional Ethics covered during the	

			<p>vocational component and will benefit from the assessment taking place in the context of real-life practice.</p>	
			<p>You will need to take the new format of centralised assessment for Civil Litigation which will incorporate dispute resolution (formerly a subject area examined by providers) ie it will contain two new syllabus areas: Alternative Dispute Resolution: Adjudicative options, and</p>	

			Alternative Dispute Resolution: Non-Adjudicative Options. There will be no exemption possible if you have already taken and passed a provider-set assessment in Resolution of Disputes out of Court.	
			The form of the centralised examination in Criminal Litigation has not changed and you will still need to pass this assessment.	

The assessment of Professional Ethics during pupillage is an examination that is set and marked centrally by us. It is an open book examination comprised of twelve short-answer questions. We do not prescribe any programme of prior study by way of preparation for the examination but have developed a practice assessment that candidates can use for developmental purposes. You can download a syllabus for this assessment from this webpage.