

## Part 7 - Transferring Qualified Lawyers

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### 7A: Types of transferring lawyers

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This section includes information on the different types of qualified lawyer who may apply for admission to the Bar of England and Wales on the basis of prior qualification(s) and experience.

#### Overview

1 The rules regarding exemption from any of the individual components of Bar training are set out in the *BSB Handbook* at **Rules Q7-Q12**.

2 There are specific rules regarding exemptions granted to transferring lawyers.

For details of those individuals or groups that may be entitled to **Full Exemption** from the components of Bar training, please see **Part 7B** of the **Bar Qualification Manual**.

For details of those individuals or groups that may be entitled to **Partial Exemption** from the components of Bar training, please see **Part 7C** of the **Bar Qualification Manual**.

3 If you are approved by us as a transferring lawyer, you will normally be required to sit all (or part) of the **Bar Transfer Test** prior to Call to the Bar of England and Wales - please see **Part 7D** of this Bar Qualification Manual.

#### Application process – transferring lawyers

4 If you are seeking admission to the Bar of England and Wales as a transferring lawyer, you must submit a formal application to us, accompanied by the supporting documents specified in the application guidelines.

5 The different types of transferring lawyer are set out in the grid below, with links to the appropriate application forms and guidelines documents.

## Qualified Foreign Lawyers (QFLs)

A person who is a member of a regulated legal profession in a jurisdiction outside England and Wales and is entitled to practise as such.

[Application Form](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

## Qualified European Lawyers (QELs)

A person who is a national of a Member State and who is authorised in any Member State to pursue professional activities under any of the professional titles appearing in article 2(2) of the European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) Order 1999, but who is not any of the following:

[Application Form](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

a) a solicitor or barrister of England and Wales or Northern Ireland; or

b) a solicitor or advocate under the law of Scotland.

## Registered European Lawyers (RELS)

A person registered with us as a Registered European Lawyer who now wishes to be admitted to the Bar of England and Wales.

[Application Form](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

## Transferring Solicitors

A solicitor admitted and enrolled in England and Wales or Northern Ireland.

[Application Form](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

## Law Teachers / Legal Academics

A teacher of the law of England and Wales.

[Application Form](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

## Person with rights of audience granted by another Approved Regulator

a person who has been granted rights of audience by another **Approved Regulator** (as defined by Schedule 4 of the Legal Services Act 2007), other than the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA).

[Application Form](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

## Temporary Call to the Bar

**6** If you need to appear in court in England and Wales to conduct a specific case (or cases) as a qualified foreign lawyer (QFL), you may apply to us for **Temporary Call to the Bar** – please see **Part 7E** of this Bar Qualification Manual.

## Registration as a Registered European Lawyer

**7** As a European Lawyer, you may apply for a direction that you be registered by us and the Inn of Court of your choice as a **Registered European Lawyer**. This is pursuant to the European Establishment Directive 98/5/EC of 16 February 1999.

**8** As a Registered European Lawyer, you will practise under your home title while in England and Wales and will not be admitted to the Bar of England and Wales unless you submit a separate admission application, as shown in the grid above.

**9** The rules regarding exemptions from the individual components of Bar training for Registered European Lawyers are set out in the **BSB Handbook** at **Rules Q17-Q22**.

## Registered European Lawyers – ‘No Deal’ Brexit

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## **EEA Lawyers – Those from the EU, Norway and Lichtenstein who intend to practise as barristers in England and Wales after Brexit**

For EEA lawyers (including UK nationals holding EEA qualifications) who are already established and have received a recognition decision in the UK before exit

day, this recognition decision will not be affected and will remain valid (ie you may continue to practise as barristers.)

EEA lawyers (including UK nationals holding EEA qualifications) who have applied for a recognition decision and are awaiting a decision on exit day will, as far as possible, be able to conclude their applications in line with the provisions of the relevant Directives.

EEA lawyers (including UK nationals holding EEA qualifications) who have not started an application for a recognition decision in the UK before exit will need to apply for admission to the Bar of England and Wales as a Qualified Foreign Lawyer (QFL). As a QFL, you will be entitled to practise as a barrister if you meet all relevant provisions of the *BSB Handbook*. Details on how to apply to us can be found in this Bar Qualification Manual.

## Swiss lawyers who intend to practise in England and Wales after Brexit

*If you have a UK qualification and professional title*

Swiss lawyers who have registered in England and Wales or who transferred to the Bar of England and Wales before Brexit do not need to take any action to continue to practise after Brexit as long as they remain registered in England and Wales.

*If you have a Swiss qualification and professional title*

Swiss lawyers using a Swiss qualification or title, or those in the process of qualifying, will need to start their application to register in England and Wales, within 4 years after Brexit. Once registered, Swiss lawyers can continue to practise after Brexit as long as they remain registered in England and Wales.

Swiss lawyers using a Swiss qualification or title, or those in the process of qualifying, who wish to transfer to the Bar England and Wales under existing routes, need to do so within 4 years after Brexit.

## 'No Deal' Brexit - What it means for the Registered European Lawyers (REL) scheme

The UK Government states that there will be no system of recognition of professional qualifications between the remaining EEA States (EU Member States, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein) and the UK from the date on which the UK leaves the EU (currently scheduled to be 31 January 2020). This means that [Registered European Lawyer \(REL\)](#) status will cease on this day.

There will be no new REL registrations from 'exit day', although those who have applied for REL status before 'exit day', will be entitled to receive a decision on that application after 'exit day'.

## Your status as a Registered European Lawyer (REL)

If you are a European Lawyer who registered after 1 February 2017, you will have less than **three years'** regular and effective practice of activities in the law of England and Wales (under your Home Professional Title) on the scheduled exit date. This 'three years' experience' is currently a requirement by us for admission to the Bar. If you fall into this category, please contact the Authorisations team to discuss how we can help you with an application.

Details on how to apply to us can be found in this Bar Qualification Manual.

## UK Lawyers in the EEA (EU, Norway and Lichtenstein)

Individuals with UK qualifications seeking recognition to offer legal services in the EEA should check the host state national policies. The EU Commission has stated that decisions on the recognition of UK qualifications in EU countries before exit day are not affected.

The UK Government has published further information [Guidance for lawyers](#) with further information.

## UK lawyers practising in Switzerland

*If you have a UK qualification and professional title*

UK lawyers registered and working in Switzerland on a permanent basis under their home professional title before Brexit do not need to take any action to continue to practise after Brexit as long as they remain registered in Switzerland. UK lawyers or those in the process of qualifying will need to start their application to register to work in Switzerland under their UK professional title on a permanent basis or to transfer to the Swiss professional title, within 4 years of Brexit.

*If you have a Swiss qualification and professional title*

UK lawyers who have transferred to the Swiss professional title before Brexit do not need to take any action to continue to practise after Brexit as long as they remain registered in Switzerland.

## Leaving the EU with a deal – What it may mean

If the UK leaves the EU with a Withdrawal Agreement along the lines of that previously negotiated, an implementation period will run from 'exit day' (ie. currently scheduled for 31 January 2020) until the end of December 2020 for RELs. We have developed compensatory measures for RELs who have registered

during 2018 and 2019, and who will not have met the BSB's 'three years' experience' requirement by the end of December 2020 and encourage RELs to contact us to discuss their application.

A REL in practice during the implementation period would continue to build up experience which may contribute towards a future application for admission to the Bar as a QFL. This will be subject to the condition that the REL's practice meets the standards for 'authorised persons' set out in the BSB's [Professional Statement](#).

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## 7B: Transfer route (full exemption)

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**This section includes information on transferring lawyers who apply for admission to the Bar of England and Wales and receive full exemption from the components of Bar training.**

### Bar Qualification Rules

1 The rules regarding full exemption from the individual components of Bar training are set out in the [BSB Handbook](#) at **Rules Q13-Q16**.

#### Overview

2 If you are seeking admission to the Bar of England and Wales as a transferring lawyer, you will be required to make an application for exemption from the three components of Bar training: the **academic component**, the **vocational component**, and the **work-based learning (pupillage) component** (see [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#) and [Part 4](#) of this Bar Qualification Manual). The outcome of your application will be dependent on your prior qualifications and experience.

3 Certain categories of transferring lawyers may be entitled to **full exemption** from the individual components of Bar training, as set out at **Rule Q14**, below.

### BSB Handbook

#### Rule Q14

- .1 *an individual who has been granted rights of audience by an approved regulator and who is entitled to exercise those rights in relation to all proceedings in all courts of England and Wales;*
- .2 *subject to Rule Q15, an individual who has been granted rights of audience by an approved regulator and who is entitled to exercise those rights in relation to either all proceedings in the High Court or all proceedings in the Crown Court of England and Wales (but not both);*
- .3 *a barrister of Northern Ireland who has successfully completed pupillage in accordance with the rules of the Bar of Northern Ireland;*
- .4 *subject to Rule Q16, a Qualified European Lawyer.*

4 Subject to the exceptions stated at **Rule Q15** and **Rule Q16** of the [BSB Handbook](#), if you receive full exemption as a transferring lawyer you will be granted authorisation to practise as a barrister once you have been admitted to an Inn and Called to the Bar.

5 For further information on transferring lawyers who may be entitled to **partial exemption** from the individual components of Bar training, please [Part 7C](#) of this Bar Qualification Manual.

### Registered European Lawyers

6 The rules regarding exemptions from the individual components of Bar training for Registered European Lawyers are set out in the [BSB Handbook](#) at **Rules Q17-Q22**.

### Registered European Lawyers – 'No Deal' Brexit

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EEA lawyers (including UK nationals holding EEA qualifications) who have applied for a recognition decision and are awaiting a decision on exit day will, as far as possible, be able to conclude their applications in line with the provisions of the relevant Directives.

EEA lawyers (including UK nationals holding EEA qualifications) who have not started an application for a recognition decision in the UK before exit will need to apply for admission to the Bar of England and Wales as a Qualified Foreign Lawyer (QFL). As a QFL, you will be entitled to practise as a barrister if you meet all relevant provisions of the [BSB Handbook](#). Details on how to apply to the BSB can be found in the [Bar Qualification Manual](#).

## Swiss lawyers who intend to practise in England and Wales after Brexit

*If you have a UK qualification and professional title*

Swiss lawyers who have registered in England and Wales or who transferred to the Bar of England and Wales before Brexit do not need to take any action to continue to practise after Brexit as long as they remain registered in England and Wales.

*If you have a Swiss qualification and professional title*

Swiss lawyers using a Swiss qualification or title, or those in the process of qualifying, will need to start their application to register in England and Wales, within 4 years after Brexit. Once registered, Swiss lawyers can continue to practise after Brexit as long as they remain registered in England and Wales.

Swiss lawyers using a Swiss qualification or title, or those in the process of qualifying, who wish to transfer to the Bar England and Wales under existing routes, need to do so within 4 years after Brexit.

## 'No Deal' Brexit - What it means for the Registered European Lawyers (REL) scheme

The UK Government states that there will be no system of recognition of professional qualifications between the remaining EEA States (EU Member States, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein) and the UK from the date on which the UK leaves the EU (currently scheduled to be 31 January 2020). This means that [Registered European Lawyer \(REL\)](#) status will cease on this day.

There will be no new REL registrations from 'exit day', although those who have applied for REL status before 'exit day', will be entitled to receive a decision on that application after 'exit day'.

## Your status as a Registered European Lawyer (REL)

If you are a European Lawyer who registered after 1 February 2017, you will have less than **three years'** regular and effective practice of activities in the law of England and Wales (under your Home Professional Title) on the scheduled exit date. This 'three years' experience' is currently a requirement by the BSB for admission to the Bar. If you fall into this category, please contact the Authorisations team to discuss how we can help you with an application.

Details on how to apply to the BSB can be found in this Bar Qualification Manual.

## UK Lawyers in the EEA (EU, Norway and Lichtenstein)

Individuals with UK qualifications seeking recognition to offer legal services in the EEA should check the host state national policies. The EU Commission has stated that decisions on the recognition of UK qualifications in EU countries before exit day are not affected.

The UK Government has published further information [Guidance for lawyers with further information](#).

## UK lawyers practising in Switzerland

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UK lawyers registered and working in Switzerland on a permanent basis under their home professional title before Brexit do not need to take any action to continue to practise after Brexit as long as they remain registered in Switzerland. UK lawyers or those in the process of qualifying will need to start their application to register to work in Switzerland under their UK professional title on a permanent basis or to transfer to the Swiss professional title, within four years of Brexit.

*If you have a Swiss qualification and professional title*

UK lawyers who have transferred to the Swiss professional title before Brexit do not need to take any action to continue to practise after Brexit as long as they remain registered in Switzerland.

## Leaving the EU with a deal – What it may mean

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## 7C: Transfer route (partial exemption)

**This section includes information on transferring lawyers who apply for admission to the Bar of England and Wales and receive partial exemption from the components of Bar training.**

### Bar Qualification Rules

1 The rules regarding full exemption from the individual components of Bar training are set out in the [BSB Handbook](#) at **Rules Q23-Q24**.

### Overview

2 If you are seeking admission to the Bar of England and Wales as a transferring lawyer, you will be required to make an application for exemption from the three components of Bar training: the **academic component**, the **vocational component**, and the **work-based learning (pupillage) component** (see [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#) and [Part 4](#) of this Bar Qualification Manual). The outcome of your application will be dependent on your prior qualifications and experience.

3 Certain categories of transferring lawyers may not be entitled to full exemption but may be entitled to partial exemption from the individual components of Bar training as set out at **Rule Q24**, below.

### BSB Handbook

#### Rule Q24

.1 *an individual who has been granted rights of audience by another Approved Regulator and is entitled to exercise those rights in relation to any class of proceedings in any of the Senior Courts or all proceedings in county courts or magistrates' courts in England and Wales;*

.2 *a Qualified Foreign Lawyer who has for a period of at least three years regularly exercised full rights of audience in courts which administer law substantially similar to the common law of England and Wales;*

.3 *a teacher of the law of England and Wales of experience and academic distinction.*

4 If you receive partial exemption as a transferring lawyer, you may be required to complete part (or all) of the Bar Transfer Test before you are admitted to an Inn and Called to the Bar. For further information on the Bar Transfer Test, please see **Part 7D** of this Bar Qualification Manual.

5 If you receive partial exemption as a transferring lawyer, you may also be required to complete a period of work-based learning (pupillage) before you are granted authorisation to practise as a barrister.

6 For further information on transferring lawyers who may be entitled to full exemption from the individual components of Bar training, please **Part 7B** of this Bar Qualification Manual.

### Registered European Lawyers

7 The rules regarding exemptions from the individual components of Bar training for Registered European Lawyers are set out in the [BSB Handbook](#) at **Rules Q17-Q22**.

### Registered European Lawyers – 'No Deal' Brexit

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## 7D: The Bar Transfer Test (BTT)

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**This section includes information on the structure of the Bar Transfer Test (BTT), the English language requirement, arrangements for sitting the BTT, and re-sits for failed assessments.**

### Overview

**1** We have the power to exempt qualified lawyers and other suitably qualified individuals from any of the individual components of Bar training. Such exemptions may be granted subject to passing certain sections of the Bar Transfer Test (BTT).

**2** You may not apply for the BTT until we have granted you permission to undertake the Test.

**3** For information on transferring to the Bar as a qualified lawyer or other suitably qualified individual (eg a legal academic), please see **Part 7A** of this Bar Qualification Manual.

**4** The BTT is delivered by BPP Law School, on our behalf. Please refer to the [Law School's website](#) for details of how to register for the next available sitting of the BTT, course fee information, and the BTT application form.

**5** Normally, there are two sittings of the BTT per year: March/April and August/September.

### Structure of the BTT

**6** The BTT consists of two parts (Part A and Part B), comprising written papers and oral assessments.

#### Part A (syllabus)

## **Paper 1 – Public Law (Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Human Rights)**

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
2 hours	Closed book	40% - substantive law / 60% - written skills

## **Paper 2 – Law of the European Union**

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
2 hours	Closed book	40% - substantive law / 60% - written skills

## **Paper 3 – Criminal Law**

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
2 hours	Closed book	40% - substantive law / 60% - written skills

## **Paper 4 – Obligations (Contract, Restitution, Tort)**

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
2 hours	Closed book	40% - substantive law / 60% - written skills

## **Paper 5 – Property/Land Law**

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
2 hours	Closed book	40% - substantive law / 60% - written skills

## **Paper 6 – Equity and the Law of Trusts**

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
2 hours	Closed book	40% - substantive law / 60% - written skills

## **Paper 7 – English Legal System**

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
2 hours	Closed book	40% - substantive law / 60% - written skills

## **Part B**

## Paper 8 - Advocacy

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
12 minutes	Oral assessment based on a written component (e.g. a skeleton argument)	60%
12 minutes	Oral assessment (examination-in-chief)	60%
12 minutes	Oral assessment (cross-examination)	60%

*All assessments must be passed in order to pass the Paper.*

*Candidates sitting the Advocacy assessment are required to attend a compulsory training course at the Test Provider (ie BPP Law School) before undertaking the assessment.*

## Paper 9 – Civil Litigation and Evidence

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
3 hours	Closed book Centrally set Centrally marked (electronically) 75 multiple choice questions (including single best answer questions)	60%

## Paper 10 – Criminal Litigation, Evidence and Sentencing

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
3 hours	Closed book Centrally set Centrally marked (electronically) 75 multiple choice questions (including single best answer questions)	60%

## Paper 11 – Professional Ethics

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Pass mark</i>
2.5 hours	Closed book Centrally set Centrally marked (manually)	60%

*Candidates will be assessed on their knowledge of the core professional values at the Bar of England and Wales.*

*Candidates must refer to the [BSB Handbook](#) as part of their reading list.*

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### English language requirement

**7** As a BTT candidate, you will be expected to demonstrate a high standard of fluency throughout each assessment (ie that your oral and written English language ability is readily comprehensible to native English speakers).

**8** If you have any doubt about the level of your English skills, you are strongly advised to undertake an approved English language test. The BTT Provider (ie BPP Law School) must also be satisfied by your fluency in English.

### Failed assessments and re-sits

**9** As a BTT candidate, you will have the opportunity of three attempts at the Test.

**10** If you fail any of the individual papers of the BTT on your **first** attempt, you may take that paper a second time.

**11** If you fail your **second** attempt at any paper, you will be required to re-sit all papers we have allocated to you at the next available sitting of your choice.

**12** If you do not pass all of the papers we have allocated to you within **three** attempts, you will not be permitted any further re-sit opportunities for a period of two years since the last attempt at a paper. At this time, you may apply to us to begin the entire process afresh (eg by submitting a new application for admission to the Bar as a transferring qualified lawyer).

#### Extensions of time

**13** If you are seeking an extension of time to complete the BTT, you must submit a formal application to us. The extension form can be found on our [waivers and exemptions page](#).

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## 7E: Temporary Call to the Bar

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**This section includes information for qualified foreign lawyers (QFLs) seeking temporary Call to the Bar for the purpose of conducting a specific case (or cases).**

#### Overview

**1** Qualified Foreign Lawyers (QFLs) may apply to us for admission to the Bar of England and Wales. The application form and guidelines for this purpose can be found on our [waivers, exemptions and other applications page](#).

**2** If you need to appear in court in England and Wales to conduct a specific case (or cases) as a Qualified Foreign Lawyer, you may apply to us for Temporary Call to the Bar rather than full admission.

**3** The rules regarding Temporary Call to the Bar are set out in the [BSB Handbook](#) at **Rules Q25-Q28**.

#### Application process – Temporary Call to the Bar

**4** You must be able to identify the cases for which Temporary Call is sought. It is therefore helpful if the solicitors who wish to instruct you give that information as part of your application for Temporary Call.

**5** If your application is successful, we will issue you with a **Temporary Qualification Certificate (Rule Q26 of the [BSB Handbook](#))**, which you should present to your chosen Inn when seeking to be Called.

**6** Temporary Call to the Bar ends automatically on conclusion of the case (or cases) for which you were temporarily called.

**7** The application form and guidelines for Temporary Call to the Bar can be found on our [waivers, exemptions and other applications page](#).