

## Degree or equivalent

By the time a candidate applies to qualify as a solicitor, they would need to:

- Hold a UK degree, awarded at level 6 (or above) of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/publications/information-and-guidance/publication?PubID=2718#.WGVrNKL5M8>), by a recognised degree-awarding body (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/recognised-uk-degrees>)

**OR**

- Hold an equivalent UK qualification. A UK qualification can be considered equivalent if it is:
  - ✓ An accredited qualification at level 6 (or above) of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/publications/information-and-guidance/publication?PubID=2718#.WGVrNKL5M8>), awarded by recognised degree-awarding body *or*
  - ✓ A regulated qualification at level 6 (or above) of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) (<https://www.gov.uk/find-a-regulated-qualification>) *or*
  - ✓ An apprenticeship at level 6 or above, approved by the government departments of England, Wales or Northern Ireland *or*
  - ✓ A qualification or apprenticeship at level 9 or above (<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/qualifications-can-cross-boundaries.pdf>) of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework ([http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/Guide\\_to\\_Scottish\\_Qualifications.pdf](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/Guide_to_Scottish_Qualifications.pdf)), accredited by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)

**OR**

- Hold an equivalent non-UK qualification. A non-UK qualification can be considered equivalent if it is:
  - ✓ Shown to be equivalent to either a UK degree or equivalent UK qualification through a UK NARIC Statement of Comparability (<http://ecctis.co.uk/naric/Individuals/Compare%20Qualifications/Statement%20of%20Comparability.aspx>) *or*
  - ✓ An accredited qualification at level 6 (or above) of the European Qualifications Framework (<http://www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk/european-qualifications-framework-eqf.html>)

**OR**

- Can demonstrate work experience, equivalent to a UK degree or equivalent UK qualification.