

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LAW AS A CAREER?

www.lawsociety.ie (Solicitor)

www.kingsinns.ie (Barrister)

HOW DO I BECOME A BARRISTER?

Students must pass an approved law degree or the King's Inns Diploma in Legal Studies (for graduates of other degrees) and then undertake the one year full-time Degree of Barrister-at-Law at King's Inns. **All** applicants who are eligible for entry to the [Barrister-of-Law degree course](#) will be required to sit an entrance examination in five subjects.

Approved degrees include [NUIG's LLB](#) and [BCL](#).

[How do I Become a Solicitor ?](#)

Interested in becoming a solicitor? Join a profession with a respected history of service to the law and the community as a whole. This history serves to make the profession easily adaptable to the ever-changing needs of modern society.

According to the Law Society, in order to qualify as a solicitor in Ireland you must complete the following steps:

Pass the Preliminary Examination or receive an [exemption](#) from it

This is an examination for non-graduates held once a year, usually in February or March.

Pass Final Examination - First Part ([FE-1](#)) - held twice a year, normally in Spring and Autumn

You can order past FE-1 [examination papers](#) and examiners' reports online.

Please note that **if you already have a degree** you don't need the Preliminary Examination Papers

Secure a training contract.

Before you commence the PPC studying at Blackhall Place, you must enter into a training contract with a solicitor. Applicants must secure a training contract before they can apply for a place on the PPC I. The Training Contract is 24 months in duration and commences 14 days after the final examination on the Professional Practice Course I (PPC I).

Attend the PPC I and pass the course examinations

Spend a period of 11 months as a trainee solicitor in the training solicitor's office

Attend the PPC II and pass the course examinations

Serve the remainder of the two year term of apprenticeship, following completion of the PPC II

Trainees who have completed all of the requirements may apply to have their names entered in the Roll of Solicitors (syllabus and applications for each exam are available on www.lawsociety.ie)

[How do I get into Law in the UK?](#)

Qualifying as a solicitor;

Qualifying as a solicitor is challenging, involving both exams and a substantial training period, and you will have to fund your studies (see [more information on the costs of costs of qualifying](#)).

You'll need to be determined and highly motivated, as it will take at least three years to train if you are a law graduate, at least four years if you are a non-law graduate and at least six years if you are not a graduate.

If you do not have a Law degree, then you must take the Common Professional Examination / Diploma in Law (CPE/GDL) followed by the LPC. Apply for CPE / LPC courses at <https://www.lawcabs.ac.uk/>. Students applying for the Legal Practice Course must be enrolled with the [Solicitors Regulation Authority](#) before commencing the course.

To become a **Barrister** you apply for the [Bar Professional Course](#) (BPTC) - the compulsory training stage followed by a one year pupillage. More information on [website](#).

The Career Development Centre offers advice and information in good faith on the basis of the best information available to it. The Centre does not accept any responsibility for decisions made by individuals based on such advice or information. Please check with individual universities/bodies before applying for courses.

I TRAINED ABROAD, AM I QUALIFIED TO PRACTICE IN IRELAND?

The Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test ([QLTT](#)) is a conversion test, which enables lawyers qualified in certain countries outside Ireland, to qualify as solicitors here. Unless the Society otherwise determines, solicitors whose first place of qualification is England and Wales or Northern Ireland are not obliged to pass any subject in the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test. You will, however, need to complete a Certificate of Admission and return with all supporting documentation to the Law School. *

“A member of the *Bar of Northern Ireland* who has been in practice for at least three years immediately preceding his application may, at the discretion of the Benchers of the Society, be admitted to the Society and to the Degree of Barrister-at-Law without submitting to any examination and without keeping terms provided he complies with certain requirements (see [website](#)). Source: www.kingsinns.ie please read full details there.

If you qualified as a Barrister elsewhere in the EU see the following page for details of requirements: <https://www.kingsinns.ie/prospective-students/overseas-students>

HOW DO I GET A TRAINEE SOLICITOR POSITION?

Firms that tend to contact Careers and/or Law Department with application forms are:

A&L Goodbody <http://www.algoodbody.com/careers> apply online.

McCann Fitzgerald <http://www.mccannfitzgerald.ie/careers.aspx> applications online for summer internships & trainee positions.

Arthur Cox <http://www.arthurcox.com/join-us/trainees/> Trainee applications open in September and close in October, Summer Intern Programme close in the January of the relevant year. (but check website for exact dates)

Matheson <http://www.matheson.com/careers> Our Trainee Programme opens annually in September. [Summer Internships](#) run in June and July of each year. Also, our [Career First Programme](#) is a dedicated 12-month programme for first year students. The programme will give students an insight into the work we do at Matheson and how a leading internationally focused law firm operates. View our website for further information.

William Fry <https://www.williamfry.com/trainees/trainee-programmes/trainee-solicitor-programme>

We accept applications annually in September for our Trainee Solicitor Programme and details will be on our [Trainee Website](#) every August.

Our Summer Internship Programmes are geared towards graduates or students who will have completed at least 2 years of their degree course by summer 2020 and who are exploring a career as a Solicitor. We are currently accepting applications for the 2020 Summer Internship Programme and the application deadline is 9am on Friday 7th February 2020. For further information on our Summer Internship Programme [click here](#).

ByrneWallace. <https://byrnewallace.com/> Check online for our Summer Intern Programme and Trainee Solicitor Programme. Both closed for 2020.

Mason Hayes & Curran <https://www.mhc.ie/> . Summer Internship Programme.

Who Should Apply? We welcome applications for our [Summer Intern Programme](#) from anyone that has completed two years of an undergraduate or graduate programme in any discipline. Postgraduate students or those who have completed their studies are also welcome to apply, including those who have work experience and have already completed their FE-1s. The **four week paid internship** is our primary means of recruiting future trainees, a method that we think benefits everyone, as the Summer Intern Programme gives us the opportunity to get to know you and see if you are the right fit for a Traineeship with Mason Hayes & Curran.

We retain approximately 90% of trainees as qualified solicitors once they complete their training contracts.

Maples & Calder <http://www.maplesandcalder.com/careers/graduates/> Our Professional Internship Programme aims to give you an idea of what it is like to work as a trainee at the Maples Group in Dublin. The programme is our primary recruitment process for future traineeships, providing an excellent platform for those interested in securing a training contract with us.

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This is a balanced programme that offers secondment and travel opportunities, in addition to working across the core areas of our business.

Click [here](#) to learn more about our Professional Internship Programme.

How to Apply

Applications for our 2020 Professional Internship Programme in Dublin are now open. [Apply here](#).

Applications will close at midnight on 3 February 2020.

As a Trainee in the Dublin office, you will rotate through our legal services practice areas which include [Corporate](#), [Finance](#), [Funds & Investment Management](#), [Dispute Resolution & Insolvency](#), [Property](#) and [Tax](#). Each year, our Dublin Trainee Programme allows two trainees to complete an overseas rotation in either our [Hong Kong](#) or Cayman Islands offices. Further secondment opportunities, including client secondments, are often offered to selected trainees in each intake, depending on the needs of the firm and our global client base. If you are interested in a Traineeship in our Dublin office, please apply via our new [Professional Internship Programme](#).

Other firms may contact the Career Development Centre throughout the year. Check jobscape at www.dit.ie/careers for details of job opportunities and also check out TU Dublin- City Campus, [Calendar of Events](#) for employer visits and presentations.

Try contacting firms directly to see if they are recruiting – many don't advertise. See the Law Society's list of Solicitor firms at www.lawsociety.ie - you can search by county.

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