QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

GCSES → Cilex level 3 qualifications → Qualification at a Associate → Cilex level 6 qualifications → Period of Qualifying Employment (at least three years) → Qualification at a Filex → SQE 1 and 2 exams → Qualification as a solicitor

A Levels or equivalent:

Pathway 1:
- Law degree → LPC (Until end of 25/26 academic year – phased out by 2032 – must have started law degree by 2021) → Period of Recognised training (the training contract) → Qualification as a solicitor
- Non – law degree → GDL* → LPC

*preferable not mandatory

Pathway 2:
- Law degree → SQE 1 and 2** → Qualifying Work Experience* → Qualification as a solicitor
- Non – law degree → PGDL* → SQE 1 and 2**

*preferable not mandatory

**Can be completed at the same time, in any order or fast-tracked prior to QWE

Pathway 3:
- Law degree → Solicitor Graduate Apprenticeship (Level 7, SQE exams and Qualifying Work Experience) → Qualification as a solicitor
- Non – law degree → PGDL* → Solicitor Graduate Apprenticeship

*preferable not mandatory

Pathway 4:
- Solicitor Apprenticeship (level 3-paralegal, level 7 –solicitor, SQE exams and Qualifying Work experience) → Qualification as a solicitor