



**Law**  
**Career and Industry Guide**



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Advancing Careers

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## Introduction

“What can I do with a Law degree?”

“Which companies offer careers with my degree?”

If you're asking yourself these questions then we would advise you to research your career choices as thoroughly and as early as possible, particularly in relation to experience required, different career routes you can explore or where postgraduate study choices can develop future opportunities.

Three ways you will succeed in finding a graduate job:

1. Undertaking paid work whilst at university or in the six months immediately after
2. Focusing your job search exclusively on graduate level jobs and making your applications whilst still studying
3. Having a career plan upon leaving university

## I have a degree, now what?

If you don't know what career you want when you graduate, you may have more options than you think. Having a degree opens you up to many graduate level jobs and postgraduate study, which doesn't specifically have to be in Law, as many industries are open to graduates from any degree background. So, explore your options!

The below link has some useful guidance for graduates who are still deciding on their career ideas and options; key skills that are gained in each degree and what you can do with them.

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/career-ideas/i-have-degree-now-what>

## Career Decision Making

Your first step should be to bridge the gap between where you are and where you want to be. Exploring your values, interests, and skills will help you find educational and career options that match up with your goals and plan for the future.

As well as being familiar with opportunities you can secure with the degree you are studying or have studied, it may be useful to take a careers assessment or quiz, to get a deep understanding of industries or alternative roles you may be suited to. Examples of these are below:

- **Buzz Quiz** – A short, fun quiz which uses the Myer-Briggs personality factors to determine what careers may suit you (as well as other things).  
<https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/>
- **National Careers Service Skills Assessment** – An assessment that supports you in identifying your transferable skills as well as finding out what interests and motivates you.  
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>
- **Prospects** – Offers a 'Career Planner' which is a detailed career quiz as well as the 'Job Match Beta' which asks questions on interests, as well as what you find purposeful and rewarding, matching your answers with job roles.  
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner>

## What can I do with a Law degree?

A degree in law will give you a foundation of skills and knowledge to help you excel in a wide range of careers. The most well-known pathway for a law graduate is to become a solicitor or barrister, however this is not the only path you can choose.

The communication, critical judgement and research skills you will gain in a law degree also transfer to a range of industries. You may go into finance, insurance or accountancy. Some graduates also pursue careers in politics, either as a government figure or a member of a think tank or research institute.

Since most industries need an understanding of the law to operate, many graduates will use their legal knowledge to transition into another sector they are passionate about.

## Typical Employers

Your employer will depend on the route you take after your law degree. If you qualify as a solicitor, you can work in a number of different legal practices, including:

- High street solicitors' practices – typically offering the widest caseloads covering criminal, family, probate and business law
- Local and national government
- Large organisations with in-house legal teams

Take a look at the [top UK law firms](#)

If you become a barrister, it's likely you'll be self-employed and will be a tenant in a set of chambers. Alternatively, you could look for employment with organisations such as the:

- Government Legal Service
- Armed Forces legal services
- Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)

There are plenty of roles that require an understanding of law to operate therefore there are a range of jobs across many sectors. The type of organisations that you can consider are:

- Public sector employers
- Insurance companies
- HR departments
- Local government and councils
- Management consultancies
- High street banks
- Accountancy firms
- Real estate

[Job sectors | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

## What areas of Law can I work in?

If you're considering a career in law, you have several options based on the type of cases and clients you'd like to work with. These fields each require unique skill sets and areas of knowledge to help law practitioners

succeed in them. Researching about the various fields you can pursue can help you decide on a specialisation for your legal career.

- Commercial law
- Construction law
- Corporate law
- Criminal law
- Employment law
- Healthcare law
- EU & competition law
- Personal injury law

[Legal practice areas - Chambers Student Guide](#)

## Types of Law roles

Roles directly related to your degree:

- [ARBITRATOR](#): Arbitrators work in alternative dispute resolution (or ADR). Arbitration is one of the ways legal disputes are resolved outside the courts and across international boundaries.
- [BARRISTER](#): Barristers are specialists in advocacy and represent individuals or organisations in court. They're independent sources of legal advice and can advise clients on their case.
- [BARRISTERS CLERK](#): A barristers' clerk is responsible for managing the practice and business activities of the barristers within a set of barristers' chambers.
- [CHARTERED LEGAL EXECUTIVE](#): Chartered legal executives are qualified lawyers who specialise in a particular area of law in England and Wales.
- [COMPANY SECRETARY](#): Company secretaries work in a strategic and influential way to ensure that a company operates within the law and abides by financial regulations.
- [COST LAWYER](#): Costs lawyers are specialist legal professionals who work in the law and practice of legal costs.
- [POLICE DETECTIVE](#): If you thrive on challenges, enjoy problem solving and have a strong desire to keep people safe a career as a detective may suit you.
- [LICENCED CONVEYANCER](#): Licensed conveyancers are specialists in property law, working on behalf of clients buying or selling property in England and Wales.
- [PARALEGAL](#): As a paralegal, you'll carry out certain legal tasks and services, such as undertaking legal research, preparing legal documents and giving some legal advice.
- [SOLICITOR](#): As a solicitor, you'll provide expert legal support and advice on a range of personal and commercial issues.

Roles where your degree will be useful:

- [Advice worker](#)
- [Border Force officer](#)
- [Chartered accountant](#)
- [Civil Servant](#)
- [Data analyst](#)
- [Data scientist](#)
- [External auditor](#)
- [Forensic computer analyst](#)
- [Human resources officer](#)
- [Mediator](#)
- [Patent attorney](#)
- [Political risk analyst](#)
- [Stockbroker](#)
- [Trading standards officer](#)

[Alternative careers with a law degree | The Law Society](#)

[Careers with a Law Degree | AllAboutLaw](#)

## Where and how can I do my research?

[Law | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

[What can I do with a law degree? | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

<https://www.sra.org.uk/>

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/en>

[LawCareers.Net | all about law careers](#)

<https://www.lawcareers.net/Starting-Out/Beginners-Guide-Career-Law>

[Twelve jobs you can do with a law degree \(targetjobs.co.uk\)](#)

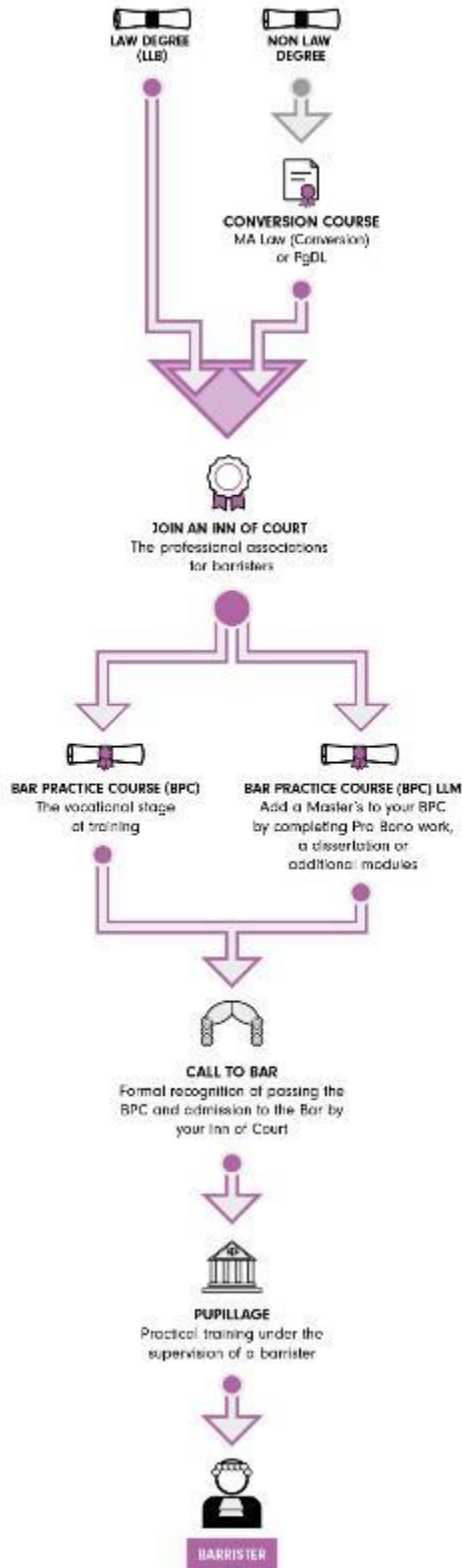
[Law and legal | Explore careers \(nationalcareers.service.gov.uk\)](#)

## Transferrable skills

A law degree will provide you with a range of useful transferrable skills for entry into legal professions. In addition to gaining this subject-specific and technical knowledge, you will also develop more general skills, including:

- Research skills using a range of sources, including verbal questioning
- Evaluation skills and the ability to interpret and explain complex information clearly
- Analytical skills
- Reasoning and critical judgement skills
- The ability to formulate sound arguments
- Lateral thinking and problem-solving skills
- The ability to write concisely
- Confident and persuasive oral communication skills
- Attention to detail and the ability to draft formal documents with precision

# Becoming a Barrister



The Bar is a diverse profession which welcomes individuality and seeks to recruit the brightest talent, irrespective of background. To become a barrister, you'll need:

- A degree (along with the conversion course if it's a non-law degree)
- To complete the vocational component
- To complete the pupillage/work-based component

The Bar Practice Course (BPC) is the qualifying postgraduate course allowing graduates to prepare and practise as barristers in England and Wales. It is the vocational stage of training, which you're required to pass before you can go on to complete the final, practical stage of training, pupillage. To start the BPC, you'll need either an undergraduate law degree (LLB) or a law conversion course such as a MA Law (Conversion) or Postgraduate Diploma in Law (PgDL).

In order to start the vocational component of training, you'll need to join one of the four Inns of Court:

- [Gray's Inn](#)
- [The Inner Temple](#)
- [Lincoln's Inn](#)
- [Middle Temple](#)

After successfully completing the vocational component of training, you will be called to the Bar by your Inn. You must then complete the work-based learning component, commonly known as a pupillage, in order to practise. The pupillage is divided into two parts:

- the non-practising six months - the 'first six'
- and the practising six months - the 'second six'.

Further resources:

- [LawCAB](#)
- [The Bar Council](#)
- [All About Law](#)
- [Law Careers.Net](#)
- [Bar courses | Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- [How to become a barrister | Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- Training opportunities - [The Academy - bridging the bar](#)

## Becoming a Solicitor - LPC or SQE?

If you want to **become a solicitor**, you should know that the route to qualifying is changing, with the introduction of the Solicitors Qualifying Examinations (SQE). The transition from the Legal Practice Course (LPC) route to the SQE route will be complete by the end of 2032.

All students that are studying Business and Law will be required to complete the SQE pathway. If you started your LLB before 1 January 2022, then you will have the choice of qualifying as a solicitor via the LPC or SQE pathway.

[Aspiring Solicitors | Leading Diversity Platform For Law Careers Advice](#)

### LPC

To qualify through the LPC route you will need to:

- Have a [qualifying law degree or Common Professional Examination](#)
- Pass the [Legal Practice Course](#)
- Complete a two-year [period of recognised training](#) (often known as a training contract)
- Complete the [Professional Skills Course](#)
- Pass the [character and suitability](#) requirements



### SQE

The SQE is the centralised assessment for anyone who wants to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales. It is part of a new, four-stage route to becoming a solicitor, introduced in 2021. To qualify through the SQE route you'll need to:

- Have a degree (or equivalent) in any subject
- Pass SQE1 and SQE2 assessments\*
- Undertake a minimum of two years Qualifying Work Experience (QWE)
- Show you are of satisfactory character and suitability



# YOUR SQE ROUTE TO BECOMING A SOLICITOR

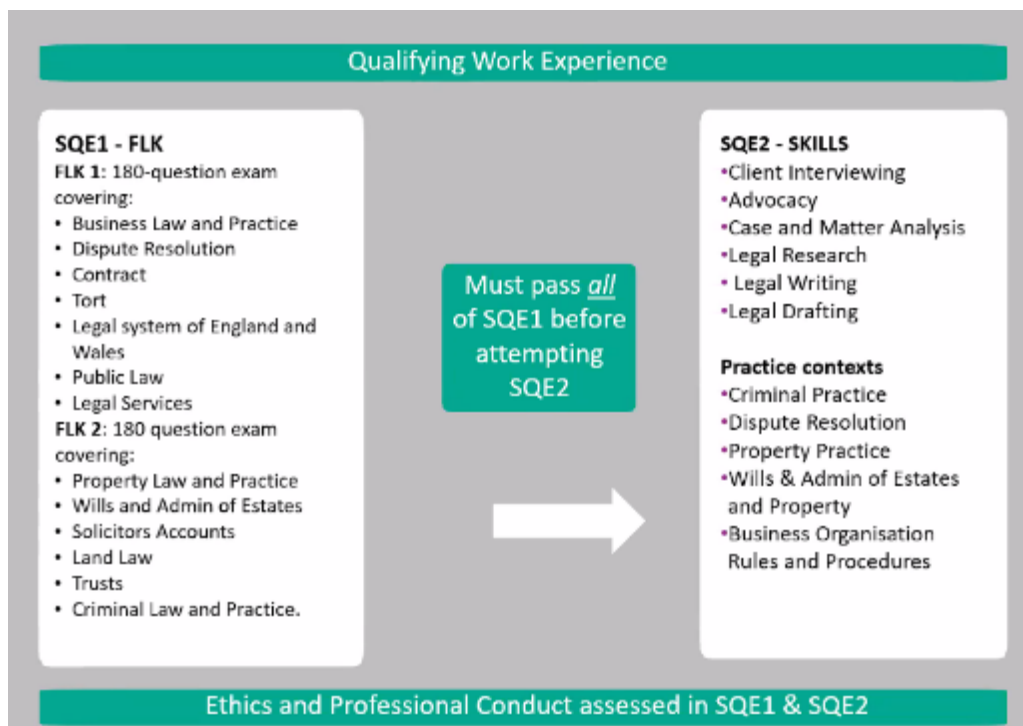


The SQE has been divided into two parts – SQE1 and SQE2.

In **SQE1** you will be tested on 'functioning legal knowledge' which tests your application of law based on realistic client-based scenarios in multiple choice questions. The assessments will cover subjects you will have studied on a law degree or a conversion course, as well as the vocational practice areas in stage 1 of the previous LPC route. There will be two lengthy multiple-choice papers of 180 questions each, covering all aspects of the SQE1 syllabus. You must pass SQE1 before being eligible to sit the SQE2 assessments.

In **SQE2** you will be tested on the practical legal skills required for practice, including:

- Interviewing (with written attendance note/legal analysis)
- Advocacy
- Legal research
- Legal drafting
- Legal writing
- Case and matter analysis



## Qualifying Work Experience

Under the new route you will need to complete a minimum of two years' QWE before you can qualify as a solicitor.

QWE is similar to a training contract and can be completed at any point during the qualification process (although it is anticipated that most students will complete this after SQE1).

QWE may be completed with up to four different legal employers. The type of work which qualifies as QWE includes placements while studying for your degree, time spent as a paralegal or working in a law clinic, as well as working for a two year period within a single law firm.

All QWE is signed off by the legal employer, who must be a solicitor, and is usually also the compliance officer.

[SRA | Qualifying work experience for candidates | Solicitors Regulation Authority](#)  
[Qualifying work experience \(QWE\) | The Law Society](#)  
[QWE – Qualifying Work Experience of the SQE | by QLTS School](#)

## **LLM Law – Anglia Ruskin University London**

With the introduction of the SQE1 requirements for aspiring solicitors, traditional LLB courses often lack some key learning areas that would afford graduates a strong chance of achieving the SQE1 requirements in a timely fashion.

Our LLM is designed to address those gaps by providing students with the subjects needed for the SQE 1 that are not taught on all traditional LLB courses, therefore the course is aimed at those students who have already achieved an undergraduate law degree, and need to study the additional subjects covered by the SQE 1.

As an ARU London Alumni, you will receive a £2,000 scholarship to study a postgraduate degree with us!

[LLM Law \(aru.ac.uk\)](http://www.aru.ac.uk)

## **Legal CV Structure**

- **Personal details** - At the top of the page, include details such as your name, address, email and telephone number
- **Education and qualifications** - Detail any professional memberships (e.g. the Law Society) or qualifications you possess, such as the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) or the Legal Practice Course (LPC). List your degree, A-levels and GCSEs; when discussing the former, mention the areas of law that you studied while at university and state your dissertation title.
- **Work experience** - Chronologically profile your work history, including the organisation you worked for and its location, plus your job title and, if applicable, your practice areas. Describe your key tasks

and responsibilities, paying close attention to the significant results of your actions. You could separate your work experience into different categories, such as legal, commercial and voluntary. Use your law work experience to demonstrate your passion for a career in the field, and your part-time work to exhibit your transferable skills such as commercial awareness.

- **IT and language skills** - Outline your level of proficiency with relevant software packages such as Microsoft Word and Excel, and mention any additional languages that you speak.
- **Activities and interests** - Avoid listing irrelevant hobbies such as reading or listening to music. Instead, discuss your involvement in sporting teams and other organisations, highlighting any positions of responsibility you've held or awards you've gained. Experiences - such as starting a new club or society at university - can help you stand out.
- **Referees** - You don't necessarily need to give references at this stage. Stating 'references available on request' will usually suffice.

[Writing a legal CV and cover letter | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

[Ten ways to get your legal CV noticed by top law recruiters \(targetjobs.co.uk\)](#)

[Writing legal CVs and covering letters examples | ULaw](#)

## Legal Cover Letter Structure

As the number of applications often far outweighs the number of jobs available writing a strong cover letter is essential for any law career, as it helps to persuade employers that you'd be a fantastic recruit. It should be one page long.

- **Opening paragraph** - Briefly mention the position you're applying for and how you found out about it.
- **Second paragraph** - Tell the recruiter who you are and what stage of your career you're at. Explain how your qualities can benefit the firm with practical evidence from your work experience, academic history, or extra-curricular activities. Use powerful and positive language throughout without exaggerating.
- **Third paragraph** - Tell the organisation why you're specifically attracted to them and their work citing, if possible, any current or recent cases of interest.
- **Closing paragraph** - Mention that you've enclosed your CV and look forward to hearing from the firm. Explain when you'd be available for interview and cover any practical issues you've been asked to address, such as salary expectations.

## How to gain experience

Whatever career area you're interested in, finding some short-term paid or voluntary work will improve your prospects of getting a graduate job and can give you a valuable insight into how a company or organisation operates. Students who gain relevant work experience while studying secure graduate level employment quicker after graduating.

Please see our '**Ways to gain experience and skills throughout your degree**' resource under 'Employability Resources' for more ideas and information for finding gaining experience. Here are some Law specific ways of gaining relevant work experience:

Here are some examples of work experience related to Law (please note that many of these will not count as QWE).

#### Pro bono work

- The delivery of free legal advice to those who don't qualify for legal aid and would otherwise be unable to afford help.
- Law Works offer pro bono legal support and invite law students to register their interest in supporting a qualified lawyer with casework: <https://www.lawworks.org.uk/solicitors-and-volunteers/get-involved/pro-bono-volunteering>
- [Street Law - Education. Empowerment. Justice.](#)
- [Innocence Project](#)
- [Volunteering for FRU | FRU \(thefru.org.uk\)](#)

#### Work experience / shadowing

- Some firms and organisations offer short informal periods of work experience or shadowing. You need to do your research to find them, and ensure you tailor your letter and write to a named contact when applying.
- You may be able to connect with professionals and source opportunities via LinkedIn
- [Work Experience Archives | Aspiring Solicitors](#)

#### Case workers

- Organisations such as the [Crown Prosecution Service](#) and various advisory services employ legal caseworkers.

#### Part time roles

- Having a part-time job alongside your studies demonstrates excellent time management skills. There are a range of opportunities for part-time legal staff, such as legal assistants, contractors, file clerks, messengers, court fillers.
- Many part time roles will help you to improve skills such as communication, conflict management and time management skills, which are vital in any law role.

#### Voluntary experience

- Organisations such as your local Legal Advice Clinics and Law Centres may take on voluntary helpers.
- [PopLaw Legal Advice Clinic | LawWorks](#)
- [Citizens Advice Bureau \(CAB\) in Tower Hamlets](#)
- Support through Court: <https://www.supportthroughcourt.org/get-involved/volunteer/service-volunteer/court-volunteer-application-london/>
- Citizens Advice witness volunteer: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/support-us/volunteering/volunteer-with-our-witness-service/>
- Citizen Advice volunteer: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/support-us/volunteering/Volunteer-roles-at-local-Citizens-Advice/>

#### Vacation Schemes

- Providing an invaluable insight into the workings of a law firm and designed to help students improve their skills and legal knowledge, vacation schemes usually last a month

- During your placement you'll meet partners, associates, solicitors and trainees and will get the chance to work on live cases. Other opportunities include shadowing lawyers, observing them giving legal advice and sitting in on client meetings
- [Law vacation schemes | Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- [Work placement scheme deadlines | Vacation scheme deadlines \(lawcareers.net\)](#)

#### Mini- pupillages

- Two-week work placements are essentially vacation schemes for barristers. They're targeted at second-year and final-year undergraduates, but first-year students aren't completely discounted.
- [Pupillage | Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- [Pupillage Fair 2023 \(barcouncil.org.uk\)](#)

#### Marshalling

- This involves shadowing a judge for a week
- You may find marshalling opportunities by contacting your Inn of Court - which offers formal schemes - or your local Crown or county court. Apply by sending the judge a CV and cover letter, explaining why you want to marshal them.

#### Court visits

- Anyone can sit in the public gallery and observe proceedings in action.
- [Find a court or tribunal - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

#### Firm Open Days / Law Fairs

- Law firms routinely host open days to give students an insight into working at a law firm. Most are aimed at specific year groups – usually second or third-year students – and the event can involve anything from insightful talks to group activities, and even shadowing.
- [Law Fairs Archive | Aspiring Solicitors](#)
- [Virtual Law Fair – The Legal Cheek 2023 Series - Legal Cheek](#)
- [Career Launchpad \(brightnetwork.co.uk\)](#)

#### Virtual work experience

- Such programmes give you the chance to complete real-life tasks and gain experience without geographical restrictions that would otherwise put you at a disadvantage.
- Aiming to give participants a taste legal of careers, Clifford Chance, [Clyde & Co](#), Kennedys, [Latham & Watkins](#), Linklaters, Pinsent Masons and [White & Case](#) all run virtual work experience programmes from internships and vacation schemes to insight days.
- [Explore all Free Virtual Experience Programs | Law - Forage \(theforage.com\)](#)
- [Experience. Dentons. – Dentons](#)

- FAIRE: Fairer Access Into Legal Careers | Careers in law | Browne Jacobson Anglia Ruskin London Law Society
- Becoming a member of our university's law society is an excellent way to boost your legal credentials
- You can participate in real life mooting experiences as well as guided visits to courts, parliament, and other law societies.
- To join – follow the society on Instagram at @arul\_lawsociety
- As well as your university society, joining [The Law Society](#) will allow you to become part of a national support network of legal professionals.

#### Student Union

- Volunteering at your Students' Union and getting involved in student politics is an easy way to improve your time management and leadership skills
- [ARU London \(angliastudent.com\)](http://ARU London (angliastudent.com))



## Where to look for graduate schemes?

Graduate schemes are training programmes at an entry level for those who have obtained an undergraduate or postgraduate degree. These schemes are used by organisations to bring new employees into their departments and support them professionally, and they are designed to give the successful candidates hands-on experience in different departments by allowing them to gain exposure to different roles and tasks.

Most graduate schemes last between one and three years, with these programmes typically defined by their area of specialism. The structure is determined by the needs of the company and how graduate trainees fit into this. There are a huge number of graduate schemes, regardless of if you would like to continue in a Law profession or if you are looking to work in another sector. Examples of companies that offer graduate schemes:

- [Civil Service](#) - Giving graduates with at least a 2:2 in any degree subject the opportunity to work within a range of business areas. Please note that these are just a few examples of graduate schemes. There are hundreds of graduate schemes in a huge range of companies and business areas.
- [Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer](#) - support the firm's Knowledge Lawyers and the lawyers in the international arbitration group (IAG) worldwide
- [National Graduate Development Programme](#) - work with councils to support, promote and improve local government. A two-year management development programme for graduates includes a range of placements based within a corporate function, a customer-facing area and a support service such as HR, finance, IT and legal services.
- [Police Now](#) - places graduates in police forces across England and Wales. Their mission is to transform communities, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and increase the public's confidence in the police service.
- [EY](#) – you will have the opportunity to work with leading business professionals enabling change and helping to shape our legal business. You will complete 4 six-month seats with various legal practice areas.

- [Novo Nordisk](#) – designed to develop the next generation of Legal and Compliance leaders. Experience three rotations across and global legal and compliance organisation in two years.

Websites that you can search for graduate schemes are:

- [Bright Network](#)
- [Prospects](#)
- [Give a Grad a Go](#)
- [Milkround](#)
- [Target Jobs](#)

## Where to look for other graduate jobs and part-time opportunities?

If you are looking for part time or flexible opportunities, please see our *'Finding part-time graduate work'* resource on the 'Employability Resources' tile of the VLE.

### Generic job searching websites:

Generic websites are widely used by organisations to post jobs in any industry or level. Although these websites can be useful to find a range of opportunities, you may find that the same jobs are advertised across many platforms. Using industry specific job searching websites may save you time and allow you to find opportunities that best fit your interests.

- [Reed](#)
- [Indeed](#)
- [Total Jobs](#)
- [CV Library](#)

### Law specific job searching websites:

- [City Jobs](#)
- [Totally Legal](#)
- [Simply Law Jobs](#)
- [Law Gazette Jobs](#)
- [Local Government Jobs](#)

### Recruitment Agencies

Another way of searching for roles is by using recruitment agencies as they work directly with organisations that are looking to hire. Recruiters are consultants that match candidates to job roles using interviews and application support. Contacting recruitment agencies is another way of maximising your chances of finding roles as they contact you if a role that suits your interests, skills, knowledge, and experience becomes available.

General recruitment agencies that support graduates:

- [Hays](#)
- [Adecco](#)
- [Morgan Hunt](#)
- [Tiger Recruitment](#)
- [Huntress](#)
- [Michael Page](#)



Law recruitment agencies include:

- [Carter Jay Legal Recruitment](#)
- [Career legal.](#)
- [Jameson Legal](#)
- [McKinlay Law](#)
- [Chadwick Nott](#)

## Speculative Applications

A speculative application is when the job seeker conducts research and directly contacts a company, they wish to work for to see if there are any employment opportunities. Statistically, almost 60% of jobs are not actively advertised on the open market (UK Careers Fair).

Targeting and reaching out to companies to enquire about opportunities may increase your chances of success in the competitive job market. Being proactive in this way can give you access to a much wider variety of roles and increase your chances of success in the competitive job market.

To find out more about speculative applications, please see page 5 of our ***'Cover Letter writing guide and examples'*** under the 'Employability Resources' tile for more information and an example.

## Psychometric Testing

Many employers use psychometric tests as part of the recruitment process. They're common in graduate jobs, work placements and internships. Psychometric tests are used to:

- Identify the people best suited to a particular job
- See if you are a good fit for their company culture
- Screen a lot of applicants without having to interview everyone

You'll see tests of things like:

- Verbal reasoning – your ability to understand written information
- Numerical reasoning – how you think using numbers
- Abstract or spatial reasoning – your ability to understand patterns, logical rules or work with shapes
- Personality - questions about how you behave, to predict how you might act in a work situation (there are no right or wrong answers)
- Situational judgement tests - set a scene and ask what you would do in that situation

Psychometric Testing can be quite difficult if you have not had any experience of them in the past. You can practice these tests on Career Zone by going to the 'Aptitude Test' section. You can also find free practice tests on sites like:

- [The Psychometric Test Project](#)
- [The British Psychological Society](#)
- [SHL practice tests](#)



## Professional Bodies

Professional bodies are organisations run by individuals that are experts in a particular sector e.g. law, accountancy, project management, banking, HR and marketing etc. They can be extremely useful to join as they often provide opportunities for career development and further training, as well as industry specific events or networking opportunities. Whilst you are still a student, they may offer you free student membership.

- [The Law Society](#)
- [The Bar Council](#)
- [Chartered Institute of Legal Executives](#)
- [Council for Licenced Conveyancers](#)



## Career Zone

Career Zone is a digital platform which provides careers and employability online resources for all our students. CareerZone has great resources to help you explore, understand and decide your career path, and the below sections provide you up to date information on various industries and job roles.

- **'Industry Reports'** – bespoke sections on Law with further links to useful websites for further exploration
- **'Labour Market Information'** - explore different roles, with facts about each role, including employment growth, average working hours and salaries, as well as common tasks and required qualifications
- **'Career Pathways'** - videos directly from people who perform various roles, allowing you to get a real sense of what the role is about.

To access Career Zone, log into your VLE platform. On the right side of the screen, you will see 'Services' where you can click on the Career Zone button, which takes you directly into the platform.

## Enterprise

You might also want to explore the world of enterprise. If you've got a great idea and you spot a gap in the market and want to earn a living from doing something you're passionate about, if you start your own business, you won't be unemployed. You might want to help others or make the world a better place, so if you have a product or service that can save people time, or money, or stress, and generally make life better, then this is always a great reason for starting a business.

The Enterprise Hub is an entrepreneurial support service provided to current students and alumni who wish to establish their own businesses. The Enterprise Team is comprised of experts who possess a wide range of specialist business skills and experience. This includes a group of students and alumni entrepreneurs who offer not only their insights to running a successful business but also provide additional guidance as peer mentors. The Hub offers bespoke workshops to those already running businesses as well as those seeking to establish new start-ups. To register your interest or for more information please contact our Enterprise Team via email - [Enterprise@london.aru.ac.uk](mailto:Enterprise@london.aru.ac.uk)

## LinkedIn

It can be really hard to stand out in the job market when there are so many other graduates trying to do the same thing. One quick win is to have a LinkedIn account to raise your profile and build up professional contacts while still at university.

Benefits of using LinkedIn:

- Build your personal brand - people will remember you and your brand when they look for someone with your particular skills and expertise. A strong personal brand can lead to new opportunities
- To build a strong network of professional contacts - you never know when a connection will come in handy and the bigger your network, the more chance you have of being referred to a job role
- To prove your dedication - having a LinkedIn account as a student proves that you are dedicated to pursuing a career
- To get job alerts - you can program LinkedIn to send you job alerts for certain companies, industries or specific job titles, so that you'll never miss out on a great opportunity again

## Employability Support

If you need any employability support or want to discuss your future career options, you can book a one-to-one appointment with one of our Careers Consultants. So, whether you're looking to prepare for your first graduate role and need advice on your CV or application form, or you're looking for a part-time job to fit around your studies or want to apply for a postgraduate course, then please drop us an email at [employability@london.aru.ac.uk](mailto:employability@london.aru.ac.uk) or call us 0207 400 6789 and we'll get you booked in as soon as possible.