

Swiss lawyer - eligibility for aptitude test without SQE2

Eligibility

You must hold the professional title of Avocat, Advokat, Rechtsanwalt, Anwalt, Fürsprecher, Fürsprech or Avvocato before applying and be currently registered with the relevant authority.

Aptitude test route requirements

You must pass SQE1 and SQE2 assessments. However, if you have at least 24 months' legal work experience (as part of your qualification, or post-qualification), we will recognise this, and you will not need to take SQE2.

Purpose

For a Swiss lawyer undertaking the aptitude test route to apply to have their qualification and legal work experience recognised for the purposes of not taking SQE2. To do this, you must provide the relevant evidence to support your application.

If you are a Swiss lawyer who wants to do the adaptation period route, please take a look at our website about what you need to do instead.

Creating a mySRA account

Before completing and returning this application form, you must create a mySRA account and populate the SRA number you are assigned in the box below. Please make sure you add your legal profession and jurisdiction in mySRA within 'My profile', together with your date of qualification. You must do this before completing this application.

Section 1 - Personal details

Please enter your personal details. These should match what is in your mySRA account.

SRA number

Name

Date of birth

Telephone number

Email address

Home address

Section 2 - Qualification details

Please provide details of your Swiss lawyer qualification.

Name of your law society or bar

Your professional title

Registration number

Date of admission as a lawyer of Switzerland

Evidence of qualification

You will need to provide evidence of your admission, such as:

- your admission certificate
- a certificate of good standing, or equivalent, from your law society or bar confirming your professional status and date of admission.

If this is not in English, please also provide an English translation.

Admission evidence attached

If you are providing a certificate of good standing, this is purely to evidence your admission as a Swiss lawyer and verify your eligibility. When you later apply for admission, you will need to provide a certificate of good standing which is no more than three months.

Section 3 - Details of mandatory pre-qualification training

Attorney (Vaud)

We have already verified that this canton requires 24 months mandatory training before admission.

Check this box if you are admitted in Vaud and go to **section 5**:

Advokat (Basel-Landschaft) or Rechtsanwältin (Zurich)

We have already verified that these cantons require 12 months mandatory training before admission. You must complete section 4 about your post-qualification experience.

Check this box if you are admitted in Basel-Landschaft or Zurich and go to **section 4**:

Attorney (Geneva)

We have already verified that this canton requires 18 or 24 months mandatory training before admission.

Check one of the following:

- You are admitted in Geneva following 18 months of mandatory training – go to **section 4**:
- You are admitted in Geneva following 24 months of mandatory training – go to **section 5**:

All other cantons

Please state how many months professional work experience / training was required for your route to admission:

Please provide evidence of the mandatory period of training undertaken. If this evidence is not in English, please provide an English translation. Examples of suitable evidence include any of the following:

- Evidence of the regulatory or statutory requirements to complete a set period of training in the relevant canton. If you have taken this from an official website, please also provide the web address so we can verify.
- Confirmation from your law society or bar of the required mandatory period of training to be admitted in your canton. If you have taken this from an official website, please also provide the web address so we can verify.
- Confirmation from your law society or bar of the specific length of training you personally undertook.

Evidence attached:

Web address for verification (where applicable):

If your period of training was for less than 24 months, please go to **section 4**.

If your period of training was for 24 months or longer, please go to **section 5**.

Section 4 - Post-qualification professional work experience

How long have you practised as a Swiss lawyer since admission:

This period, combined with your mandatory training, must total at least 24 months.

For your post-admission practise as a qualified Swiss lawyer, please provide:

- a reference confirming this experience.

Evidence attached:

- Evidence of your referee(s) professional qualification, eg an admission certificate or a certificate of good standing.

Evidence attached:

Section 5 - Declaration

I declare that:

- I am the individual named on this application.
- I understand that I must make sure all the information I have given you is correct and complete.
- I understand that you will make whatever checks are necessary to process this application and that it complies with the SRA Standards and Regulations.
- I understand that there could be serious consequences if I have knowingly or recklessly given you information that is false or misleading, or if I have failed to tell you about any significant information.
- I understand that I have an ongoing obligation to notify you if any further issues arise under our Character and Suitability Rules.
- I understand that I need to tell you immediately if there are any changes to the information I have given on this application.

What are the consequences of giving inaccurate information?

- We could reject your application.
- We could take disciplinary action against you or share information with a third party that leads to disciplinary action against you.

I declare that the information I have given in this application is correct to the best of my understanding.

If completed digitally, tick to confirm

Full name

SRA number

Signature

Date

Sending your completed application

Please send the completed application form by email to approval@sra.org.uk or by post to:

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Solicitors Regulation Authority
The Cube
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