

Checking and validate your degree

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Who can apply

Any aspiring solicitors who already has a degree or equivalent level 6 qualification. [Find what counts as a degree](https://consultations.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/check-validate-qualification/degree-equivalent/) [<https://consultations.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/check-validate-qualification/degree-equivalent/>].

If you are a solicitor apprentice, you do not need to complete this application.

What you we will need

Our third-party validation service, Atlantic Data check and validate all degrees and equivalent level 6 qualifications. To do this, you will need to give us this information:

- university/institute name
- course name
- classification (result)
- qualification
- enrolment and graduation years
- degree/qualification certificate or student ID number.

Non-UK degrees

If you have a non-UK degree, you can find out if it is equivalent to a UK level 6 degree by doing a [UK ENIC comparability check](https://enic.org.uk/Qualifications/SOC/Default.aspx) [<https://enic.org.uk/Qualifications/SOC/Default.aspx>]. This check is separate from the validation process and incurs an additional fee. You may wish to do this when considering becoming a solicitor, but it is not a requirement to apply before you do the degree validation process.

However, Atlantic Data must also do this compatibility check, and you cannot reuse any Statement of Comparability you already have from UK ENIC. Therefore, you will still need to apply for your degree to be checked, and pay the related fee.

Please note that this check does not confirm if the degree was taught or assessed in English or Welsh. Therefore, for applicants with an SQE2 exemption, you cannot use the results as evidence of your English or Welsh language proficiency.

Payment

You pay all fee direct to Atlantic Data at the end of your application.

UK degrees

Validating any of the UK qualifications below will cost £21.

Level 6 qualifications

- Degree apprenticeship
- Degree with or without honours - for example Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc) or Bachelor of Law (LLB)
- Graduate certificate
- Graduate diploma

Level 7 qualifications

- Integrated master's degree, for example Master of Engineering (MEng)
- Master's degree, for example Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MSc)
- Postgraduate certificate
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- Postgraduate diploma

Level 8 qualifications

- Doctorate, for example Doctor of Philosophy (PhD or DPhil)

Validating other UK level 6 equivalent qualifications (such as a level 9 in Scotland) will cost £39.

Non-UK degrees

The fee for validating a non-UK degree (or equivalent level 6 qualification) is £39. The awarding institute may also charge a fee for validating your qualification.

Making your application

You will need to make your application by applying online in mySRA.

First, you will need to [create an account](https://consultations.sra.org.uk/mysra/get-mysra-account/) [\[https://consultations.sra.org.uk/mysra/get-mysra-account/\]](https://consultations.sra.org.uk/mysra/get-mysra-account/). If you already have a mySRA account, you will need to [log in](https://consultations.sra.org.uk/mysra/) [\[https://consultations.sra.org.uk/mysra/\]](https://consultations.sra.org.uk/mysra/).

Once logged in, select 'Start new applications' on the homepage. The application is called 'Apply to check that your qualification or work experience is equivalent to a degree'.

Once started, if you need to find your draft application, it will be in 'My profile' under 'Applications and documents'.

You may find it useful to have this guidance open in a separate device or browser window to help you complete the check.

Atlantic Data aim to provide an answer within 5 working days. This may be longer for non-UK degrees.