



Professions approved by the SRA for registered foreign lawyer (RFL) status

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We have the power to approve foreign professions under [Section 89 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/41/section/89) [<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/41/section/89>] and [Schedule 14 paragraph 2\(2\) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/41/schedule/14) [<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/41/schedule/14>] for their members to be managers of recognised bodies regulated by the SRA.

We will consider whether other professions should be added to this list as and when requested to do so. The profession in question must fulfil four basic criteria:

- the profession's members must be subject to a system of regulation as a profession of lawyers;
- members must be required to complete a specified training;
- members must be bound by an ethical code, and
- there must be disciplinary sanctions for breach of the ethical code which would extend to removal of the right to practise.

If you want to ask us to approve a new profession please [contact us](https://jobs.sra.org.uk/contactus) [<https://jobs.sra.org.uk/contactus>].

We set out below the list of professions listed that we have to date approved.

Jurisdiction

Profession

I. United Kingdom

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| Northern Ireland | solicitor barrister |
| Scotland | solicitor / advocate |

2. European Union

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| Austria | Rechtsanwalt Notar |
| Belgium | avocat/advocaat/Rechtsanwalt notaire/notaris/Notar |
| Bulgaria | advokat |
| Croatia | odvjetnik/odvjetnica |
| Cyprus | dikegóros |
| Czech Republic | advokát |
| Denmark | advokat/jurist |
| Estonia | vandeadvokaat |
| Finland | asianajaja/advokat/luvan saanut oikeudenkäyntiavustaja/rattegangsbitrade med tillstand |
| France | avocat notaire/avocat aux conseils |
| Germany | Rechtsanwalt Notar Steuerberater Patentanwalt ^{1} [#fn1] |
| Greece | dikegóros simvolaiografos (notary) |
| Hungary | ügyvéd |
| Iceland | lögmaður |
| Ireland | solicitor barrister |
| Italy | avvocato notaio/consulente in proprietà industriale |



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| Latvia | zvērināts advokāts |
| Lichtenstein | rechtsanwalt |
| Lithuania | advokatas |
| Luxembourg | avocat/Rechtsanwalt notaire |
| Malta | avukat prokuratur legali notary |
| Netherlands | advocaat notaris belastingadviseur ² [#fn1] octrooigemachtigde ³ [#fn1] /Kandidaat Notaris |
| Poland | adwokat radca prawny rzecznik patentowy |
| Portugal | advogado |
| Romania | avocat/consilier juridic |
| Slovakia | advokát/advokátka |
| Slovenia | odvetnik/odvetnica |
| Spain | abogado/advocat/abokatu/avogado notario/procurador |
| Sweden | advokat |

1. "Approved as a manager of an authorised body, or an authorised non-SRA firm, provided that: the individual practises only from an office in Germany; and the practice of the individual is not in breach of the requirements of any regulator applicable to the individual or the office from which he practises."
2. Approved as a manager of an authorised body provided that: the individual practises only from an office in the Netherlands; and the practice of the individual is not in breach of the requirements of any regulator applicable to the individual or the office from which he practises.
3. Ibid.

3. European Economic Area

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| Norway | advokat |
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4. United States of America

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| All states | attorney-at-law |
| Colorado | counsellor-at-law |
| Iowa | counsellors |
| Louisiana | counsellor-at-law |
| Massachusetts | counsellor-at-law |
| Missouri | counsellor-at-law |
| New York State | counsellor-at-law |
| Virginia | counsellor-at-law |

5. Commonwealth

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| Anguilla | solicitor barrister |
| Antigua and Barbuda | solicitor barrister attorney-at-law |
| Australia :- | |
| Australian Capital Territory | barrister and/or solicitor |
| New South Wales | solicitor barrister |
| Northern Territory | legal practitioner/barrister and solicitor |

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| Queensland | solicitor barrister |
| South Australia | barrister, attorney, solicitor and proctor |
| Tasmania | solicitor barrister |
| Victoria | barrister and solicitor |
| Western Australia | barrister and solicitor |
| The Bahamas | counsel and attorney |
| Bangladesh | advocate |
| Barbados | attorney-at-law |
| Belize | attorney-at-law |
| Bermuda | barrister and attorney |
| Botswana | attorney advocate |
| British Virgin Islands | solicitor barrister |
| Brunei Darussalam | advocate and solicitor |
| Canada :- | |
| Alberta | barrister and solicitor |
| British Columbia | barrister and solicitor |
| Manitoba | barrister and solicitor |
| New Brunswick | barrister and solicitor |
| Newfoundland | solicitor barrister |
| Northwest Territories | barrister and solicitor |
| Nova Scotia | barrister |
| Nunavut | barrister/solicitor |
| Ontario | barrister and solicitor |
| Prince Edward Island | barrister and solicitor |
| Quebec | avocat notaire |
| Saskatchewan | barrister and solicitor |
| Yukon | barrister and solicitor |
| Cayman Islands | attorney-at-law |
| Dominica | solicitor barrister |
| Falkland Islands | legal practitioner |
| The Gambia | solicitor barrister |
| Ghana | lawyer |
| Gibraltar | solicitor barrister |
| Grenada | solicitor barrister |
| Guernsey | advocate |
| Guyana | attorney-at-law |
| India | advocate |



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| Isle of Man | advocate |
| Jamaica | attorney-at-law |
| Jersey | solicitor advocate |
| Kenya | advocate |
| Kiribati | lawyer |
| Lesotho | attorney advocate |
| Malawi | legal practitioner |
| Malaysia | advocate/solicitor |
| Mauritius | attorney/barrister/notary/advocate |
| Montserrat | solicitor/barrister |
| Namibia | attorney |
| Nauru | barrister and solicitor |
| New Zealand | barrister and solicitor |
| Nigeria | legal practitioner/barrister and solicitor |
| Pakistan | advocate |
| Azad Kashmir | advocate |
| Papua New Guinea | lawyer |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | solicitor barrister |
| Saint Lucia | solicitor barrister |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | solicitor barrister |
| Seychelles | attorney barrister notary |
| Sierra Leone | barrister and solicitor |
| Singapore | advocate and solicitor |
| Solomon Islands | legal practitioner |
| South Africa | attorney advocate |
| Sri Lanka | attorney-at-law |
| Swaziland | attorney advocate |
| Tanzania | advocate |
| Tonga | law practitioner |
| Trinidad and Tobago | attorney-at-law |
| Turks and Caicos Islands | attorney |
| Uganda | advocate |
| Vanuatu | legal practitioner |
| Western Samoa | barrister and/or solicitor |
| Zambia | advocate/legal practitioner |

6. Other

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| Albania | avokat |
| Algeria | avocat |
| Argentina | abogado/a |



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| Armenia | advocate |
| Belarus | advokat |
| Bolivia | abogado |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina | Attorney at Law |
| Brazil | advogado |
| Burundi | advocate |
| Cameroon Republic | advocate/solicitor |
| Chile | lawyer/abogado |
| China (including Hong Kong) | lawyer/solicitor barrister |
| Colombia | abogado |
| Costa Rica | lawyer |
| Democratic Republic of Congo | avocat |
| Dominican Republic | lawyer |
| Ecuador | abogado |
| Egypt | avocat/mohamy |
| Fiji | barrister/solicitor |
| Georgia | advocate |
| Indonesia | advokat |
| Iran | lawyer/attorney-at-law |
| Iraq | lawyer |
| Israel | advocate |
| Japan | bengoshi |
| Jordan | advocate/mohamy |
| Kurdistan (Region of Iraq) | lawyer |
| Kazakhstan | advocate |
| Kuwait | lawyer |
| Kyrgyz Republic | advocate |
| Lebanon | avocat/mohamy |
| Libyan | Barrister |
| Macau Special Administrative Region | advogado |
| Mexico | lawyer (Cedula Profesional) |
| Moldova | lawyer from the Republic of Moldova |
| Montenegro | advocate |
| Morocco | Avocat ¹ [#fn2] |
| Nepal | adhivakta |



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| Oman | lawyer |
| Palestinian Territories | lawyer |
| Panama | abogado |
| Paraguay | abogado |
| Peru | abogado |
| Philippines | attorney/counsellor at law |
| Puerto Rico | lawyer |
| Russia | advokat |
| Rwanda | advocate |
| Saudi Arabia | lawyer |
| Serbia | advocate |
| South Korea | lawyer |
| Sudan | advocate/lawyer |
| Sweden | Jurists holding the Juristexamen/Swedish Jurist |
| Switzerland | rechtsanwalt/anwalt/fürsprecher/fürsprech/avocat/avvocato/advokat |
| Thailand | lawyer/litigator |
| Taiwan | attorney |
| Tajikistan | advokat |
| Tunisia | advokat |
| Turkey | avukat |
| Ukraine | advocate |
| United Arab Emirates (UAE) | lawyer |
| Uruguay | lawyer |
| Uzbekistan | advocate |
| Venezuela | lawyer |
| Vietnam | lawyer |
| Zimbabwe | legal practitioner |

1. Applicants must be registered with the Casablanca bar to be eligible to apply