

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://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/contactus) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/contactus>].

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

Jurisdiction	Profession
I. United Kingdom	
Northern Ireland	solicitor barrister
Scotland	solicitor / advocate
2. European Union	
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



Latvia	zvērīnāts 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

Norway	advokat
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4. United States of America

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

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



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

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

Albania	avokat
Algeria	avocat
Argentina	abogado/a



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



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