



Graduate Solicitor Law Apprenticeship

Find out all the relevant information on
Datalaw's graduate apprenticeship

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Join Top Law Firms And Train With Us



95% Government Funded Training

Paid directly to the training provider by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).



If you're an employer with a wage bill over £3 million each year your funding will be paid directly to the training provider from your apprenticeship levy, and you will only have to pay the 5% co-funding if you have exhausted all of your levy funds.

Watch Our Explainer Video

2 min video to explain more





Graduate Law Apprenticeship Overview

This 30-month programme is intended for candidates who hold a bachelor's degree in law or an LLB.

In this apprenticeship you will gain academic and occupational practise whilst preparing for Parts 1 and 2 of the Solicitors Qualifying Exams. Apprentices who successfully complete the programme and pass the SRA Character & Suitability test will become qualified solicitors and can start practising law on the first day.

This apprenticeship is the perfect opportunity for you to work whilst you learn and acquire advanced academic credentials to become a qualified solicitor.

To pursue this graduate apprenticeship, candidates must have an employer sponsor them.

Key Information

“This route is designed to prepare candidates for Parts 1 and 2 of the new Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE)”



How is it funded?

This qualification is 95% government-funded.

This funding is available to all law firms in England and as a registered provider Datalaw can take advantage of this funding on your firm's behalf to subsidise the cost of this qualification.

SQE 1 & 2 exam costs (£4,564) and SQE preparation costs (over £7,200) are covered via 95% Government Funding.



What is Included?

- Following completion, subject to the SRA Character & Suitability test, become a licensed solicitor.
- Prepares students for Parts 1 and 2 of the Solicitors Qualifying Exams
- 1-2-1 Coaching
- Online Classroom Sessions
- 100s of hours of online learning resources



Cost

£1012.50 + VAT

The full cost of this qualification is £20,250. If co-funded your firm will pay a 5% contribution, which is £1012.50+VAT, and the ESFA will fund the rest. This is more cost effective than the LPC or PSC, which if purchased separately would usually cost between £12,000 – £16,000 +VAT each.



Entrance Requirements

2.1 or above on a UK law bachelor's degree or an LLB.

You must also be employed by a UK law firm.

Apprentices Testimonials

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Our experience of Datalaw in taking advantage of the paralegal apprenticeship has been transformational for our first apprentice.

From the day our former trainee office administrator (formerly known as an office junior) expressed the wish to be our first junior partner here at SBB, we set about looking for a route to facilitate that. Our experience of Datalaw has been nothing but positive in the encouragement and support both to our apprentice and to the firm in our objective to provide that route.

I would unhesitatingly recommend Datalaw for this route for those who want to advance their home grown talented team members

- Andrew Horwich
Senior Partner

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I am happy with the progress I am making with my apprenticeship and am confident in completing it for the set dates. I am provided lots of support by both Anna and Alex. I feel I am on track with my progress and aim to have my NALP part of the apprenticeship completed by November 2022.

- Madison Earl
Learner

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Madi is doing so well and I am very proud of her achievements to date. I look forward to supporting her throughout the rest of the apprenticeship. Thank you to Alex and Datalaw for all the encouragement and training that you have given to Madi.

- Anna O'Mara
Partner

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I am happy that I am on track, and the mapped out timeline we have set out I will be working towards what we have and keeping on top of this.

- Danni Simpson
Learner

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We are very proud of how far Danni has come so far with her course. We think this has aided her confidence in working alongside her fee earner, and developing her own skills to become a successful fee earner. It was great to hear about Danni's progress and I am very much looking forward to our next meeting.

- Robyn Murphy
Manager

Duration

The duration of this qualification will depend on the optional legal modules you choose, the number of hours you work per week, and your prior legal learning/experience. However, on average this apprenticeship takes 30 months to complete.

End Point Assessments

Throughout this apprenticeship, you will be building a portfolio of occupational and academic evidence of work. Nearing the end of this apprenticeship you will participate in a gateway meeting with your employer and coach to confirm you have met the required level to complete the apprenticeship. Once ready, you will be entered for your end-point assessment and final grading. The end-point assessment is a two-part assessment. Part 1 consists of two written assessments and Part 2 consists of a competency-based interview, where you will be asked questions regarding your portfolio of work.

Career Progression

As a recognised graduate course this route is designed to help candidates become a licensed solicitor. This apprenticeship prepares students for day 1 as a qualified solicitor and prepare them for the Parts 1 and 2 of the new Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE).

Curriculum

For candidates who have previously earned a bachelor's law degree or an LLB, this 30-month curriculum has been created to help them get ready for the Parts 1 and 2 of the Solicitors Qualifying Exams. After successfully completing the programme and passing the SRA Character & Suitability test, apprentices will be qualified solicitors and ready to practise law on day one.

Year	Curriculum
Year 1	<p>Functioning Legal Knowledge 1 (Business, Legal Services, Dispute Resolution)</p> <p>Functioning Legal Knowledge 2 (Property Law and Practice, Wills, Solicitors' Accounts, Criminal Practice)</p> <p>SQE 1 Exam</p>
Year 2	<p>Client Interviewing</p> <p>Advocacy/persuasive oral communication</p> <p>Case and matter analysis</p> <p>Legal research and written advice</p> <p>Drafting</p> <p>Plus portfolio of work completed throughout training and optional modules</p> <p>SQE 2 Exam (End Point Assessment)</p>

Meet Our Team



Alexandra Elliott Makedona

Coach/Trainer

With a PhD in Contract and Private Client Law, Alex has trained as a Solicitor at Freeths LLP (commercial property, personal injury, wills and estates and clinical negligence), worked inhouse for Meritservus Ltd - a fiduciary services company (company law) and for Zambartas LLC, focusing on wills and conveyancing.



Matthew Hickling

Expert Speaker/Tutor

Matthew Hickling is an experienced legal professional and speaker who now delivers high quality training. As a former Head of a Fraud Squad before qualifying as a solicitor. Additionally, Matthew also delivers Anti-Money

Laundering and Financial Crime training for the International Compliance Association to other regulated professionals in the regulated financial sectors.

Our Expert Speakers



We have a wide range of expert speakers that lecture in a wide range of subject from Criminal Law to Compliance.



At Datalaw, We Provide Flexible Start Dates by Accepting New Cohorts Every 3 Months Within the Year.

Register Your Interest for the Next Induction Date and Secure Your Spot Today.

Useful Internet Resources

Here are some helpful links to provide you with extra information and guidance:



Apprenticeships - Overview and guidance
from the National Apprenticeship Service
www.apprenticeships.org.uk



Law Apprenticeships Website
www.lawapprenticeships.co.uk



Health & Safety Executive (HSE)
www.hse.gov.uk



Datalaw's Website
www.datalawonline.co.uk



Wages and working hours - Government
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