Bar Placement Scheme application form

Tuesday 8 - Friday 11 July 2025

**You must complete and submit this application form via email to** **bps@barcouncil.org.uk** **by 12pm on Friday 9 May 2025.**

We recommend completing this form on a computer or laptop.

**Application dos and don'ts**

* Consider who will be reading your application – this is a professional placement, so you should avoid being controversial for the sake of standing out. You might stand out in the wrong way.
* Stick to the word count as much as possible but make sure that your responses are relevant and concise.
* Show us why you’re interested in becoming a barrister and what it is about the profession that most interests you.
* Don’t worry if you don’t have much work experience. You can demonstrate your interest and skills through books you’ve read or your hobbies. However, you should show how this highlights why you’re interested in becoming a barrister.

**You’ll need to meet the social mobility criteria to take part in the scheme. At the Bar Council – the body which represents and supports all barristers in England and Wales – we adopt the** [**Social Mobility Commission’s**](https://socialmobility.independent-commission.uk/our-work/what-is-social-mobility/) **definition of social mobility:**

**Social mobility is the link between a person’s occupation or income and the occupation or income of their parents. Where this is a strong link, there is a lower level of social mobility. Where there is a weak link, there is a higher level of social mobility.**

**The statements below must apply to you to apply for our scheme:**

**Tap or click the checkbox to confirm**

[ ]  I am available to take part in the whole week (8-11 July).

[ ]  I am currently in Year 12, 13 **or** in my first year of my undergraduate degree and attend(ed) a **state school** or **college.**

[ ]  I confirm I meet the social mobility criteria (definition above).

[ ]  I am/would be the first in my family to attend university.

[ ]  I have received free school meals whilst at secondary school.

[ ]  I have a strong interest in the law and becoming a barrister.

[ ]  I have looked at the [becoming a barrister hub](https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/becoming-a-barrister/i-am-a-school-or-college-student.html) on the Bar Council website.

[ ]  I consent to my personal data in this form being shared with my host chambers. Please see [our privacy statement](https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/useful-information/privacy-statement.html).

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| **Name** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Mobile phone number** |  |
| **Current school** |  |
| **Medical or access requirements** |  |
| **Dietary requirements** |  |
| **Religious or cultural requirements** |  |
| **How did you hear about the scheme?** |  |

**Emergency contact 1**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Relationship to student** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Mobile phone number** |  |
| **Email** |  |

**Emergency contact 2**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Relationship to student** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Mobile phone number** |  |
| **Email** |  |

**University grades**

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| **Module**  | **Predicted grades (if known)/grades achieved** |
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**A and AS Levels**

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| **Subject** | **Predicted grades (if known)/grades achieved**  |
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**GCSEs**

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**If your grades were affected because of extenuating circumstances, please tell us more in the box below**

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**Select the areas of law you are most interested in order of preference** (eg crime - 1, employment - 2, family - 3)

**Please note we can’t guarantee that you’ll get a placement with your preference(s).**

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| **Crime** |  |
| **Chancery / commercial** |  |
| **Public law**  |  |
| **Employment** |  |
| **Tort (eg personal injury, negligence)** |  |
| **Family** |  |
| **Other – please specify** |  |

**Which scheme you are applying for?**

Only select **one** location. This location **must be within a one-hour journey** of where you live. We also **do not** advise you to book hotels, nor will we reimburse for them.

Please get in touch with us on BPS@barcouncil.org.uk before applying if you’re unsure.

Placements depend entirely on which chambers choose to host a student. We cannot guarantee a location, but we will try our best to accommodate successful candidates.

[ ]  Birmingham [ ]  Liverpool

[ ]  Bristol [ ]  London [ ]  Other\* (please indicate)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]  Cardiff [ ]  Manchester

[ ]  Leeds [ ]  Sheffield

**1. Why would you like to take part in the Bar Placement Scheme? (200 words)**

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**2. Why are you interested in becoming a barrister? (200 words)**

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**3. Do you do any extracurricular activities? If so, how do they relate to your interest in the law? (200 words)**

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**4. Discuss a recent court case or legal news story which you found interesting. You should think about the facts and outcome of the case. It could be of local, national or international importance (200 words)**

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**Reference**

Please tell us someone from your school or university we can get in touch with if you’re successful. For example, they could be your form tutor, head of year or a lecturer.

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| **Name** |  |
| **Position at school/university** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Email address** |  |

Please email your application and consent form (below, for under 18’s) to **BPS@BarCouncil.org.uk** by **Friday 9 May 2024**

**Please also complete the** [**equality monitoring form**](https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/4CGD-WYL/bar-placement-scheme-2024-equality-monitoring-form)**.** This is confidential and anonymous**. It is not compulsory**, but it helps us ensure our programmes are reaching a diverse range of people. Please tick the box below if you have completed the form.

[ ]  **I have completed the equality monitoring form**

**Consent form**

**For parents, carers or guardians of those under the age of 18**

Please note this section must be completed to be considered for a placement.

As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I give permission for them to take part in the Bar Placement Scheme 8-11 July 2025, should they be selected.

Do you give permission for them to be filmed or photographed for publicity purposes?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

I also understand that, if successful, this form will be shared with the organisation where the placement is taking place. [**Please see more in our privacy statement.**](https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/privacy-statement)

I certify that all the information above, to the best of my knowledge, is truthful.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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