

## What does a Solicitor do?

Solicitors advise and act on behalf of individuals, organisations, businesses and government departments in legal matters.

## How do you become a Solicitor?

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- the traditional solicitor qualifying route until 2032

You'll usually need:

- at least 5 GCSEs grades 9 to 7 (A\* or A), including English Maths
- 3 A levels, or equivalent
- A law degree or postgraduate diploma

## Average Salary

From £25,000 to £100,000 (Average £57, 000)

**The UK average salary is £28,758**

## Typical Working Week

30 Hours

**There are 37.5 hours in the average working week**

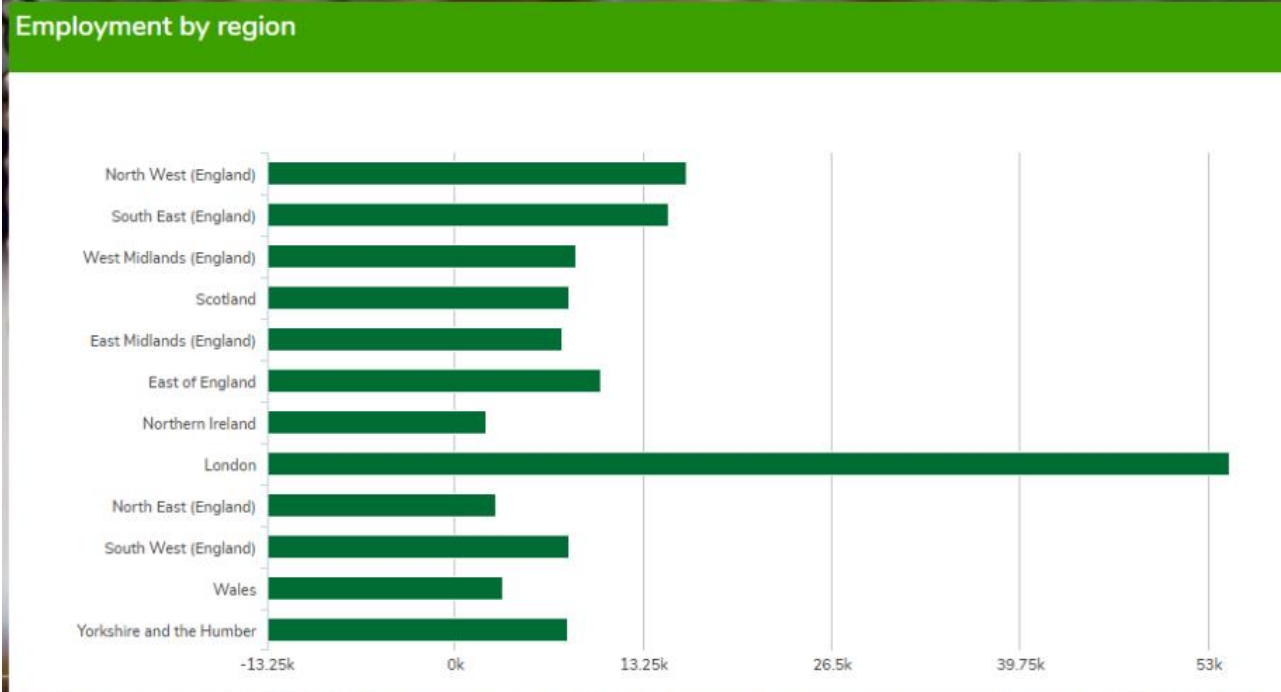
Can be required to work at short notice

## Day-to-Day Tasks

- advise and represent clients in court
- instruct barristers or advocates to act for clients
- draft confidential letters, contracts, wills and legal documents
- research legal records and case law
- attend meetings and negotiations
- manage finances and prepare papers for court
- use plain English to explain complex legal matters to clients
- keep up to date with changes in the law

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**40% Male and 60% Female**  
 The UK workforce is 53% Male and 47% Female

### Skills and Knowledge to become a Solicitor

You'll need:

- legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations
- excellent verbal communication skills to work with different people
- active listening skills
- analytical thinking skills for working on complex cases
- knowledge of English language for explaining legal matters to non-experts
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- excellent written communication skills
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Restrictions and Requirements

You'll need to:

- pass [enhanced background checks](#)

