



JOB of the Week



Job name: Barrister

Job description: Barristers (in England and Wales) are specialists in advocacy and represent individuals or organisations in court. They're independent sources of legal advice and can advise clients on their case. Generally, they are hired by solicitors to represent a case in court and only become involved once advocacy before a court is needed.

As a barrister you'll plead the case on behalf of your client and the client's solicitor. Members of the public can also go directly to a barrister to ask for advice and representation in court.

Tasks you will undertake in the job: Your day-to-day duties could include (depending on the field you choose to specialise in e.g. commercial law; criminal law; sports law; common law or entertainment law):

- having meetings with clients and taking on cases (briefs)
- researching the law relating to previous similar cases
- reading witness statements and reports
- offering advice and providing written legal opi
- negotiating settlements out of court
- preparing legal arguments and getting briefs ready for court
- cross-examining witnesses and presenting the case to the judge and jury

Qualifications you will need for this job:

You could: do a law degree / do a non-law degree followed by the **Graduate Diploma in Law**

You would then complete a period of professional training which includes: the one-year **Bar Professional Training Course**

a follow-on year of practical training, called a pupillage.

To get into some universities you'll need to pass the **Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT)**.

Entry requirements. You'll usually need: 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

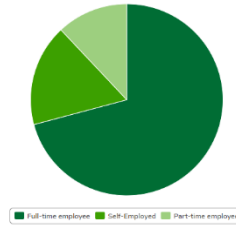
Sectors in which Barristers would normally work:

Barristers work in a wide range of fields: administrative and public; admiralty and shipping; aviation / aerospace; banking and finance; chancery; civil law; civil liberties and human rights; common law; company law; competition law; construction and engineering; crime / fraud; employment law; family / matrimonial law; immigration law; insurance / intellectual property; landlord and tenant / housing; personal injury law; planning / environment; professional negligence; property; revenue law; sports and entertainment and technology, media and telecommunications.



Type of work (full time / part time):

Top 10 industries for this job			
Legal & accounting	99939	Public admin. & defence	18221
Membership organisations	9204	Auxiliary services	4204
Retail trade	2280	Other personal service	1128
Architectural & related	1076		



Salary: £12,000 average salary (as a starting salary) to average £57,2000 and over £100,000 (after 10 years experience) - The UK average salary is £28,758



Working hours: 38 - 40 average working hours in the week (37.5 working hours in the average working week) – however, when you first start on this career path Barrister tend to work long hours preparing cases (briefs) and travel regularly during the day between Chambers, Court and other offices.

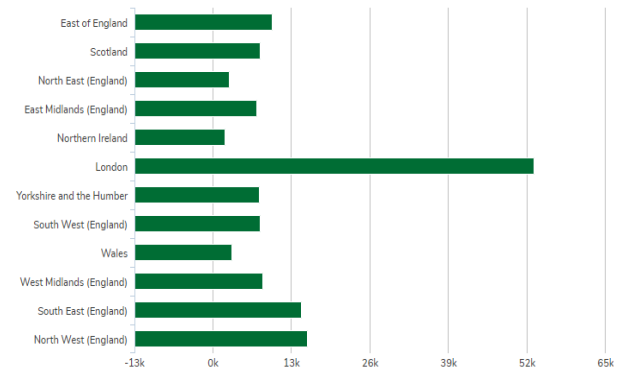
Workforce in the UK: 41% male / 59% female workforce

Useful information:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/barrister#:~:text=They're%20independent%20sources%20of,client%20and%20the%20client's%20solicitor.>

There is a lot of information that you need to read and understand about being a barrister. This is a demanding career that requires specific training and there are specialist conditions for training that need to be researched fully prior to embarking on this career path (e.g. Pupillage; 'first six' and 'second six').

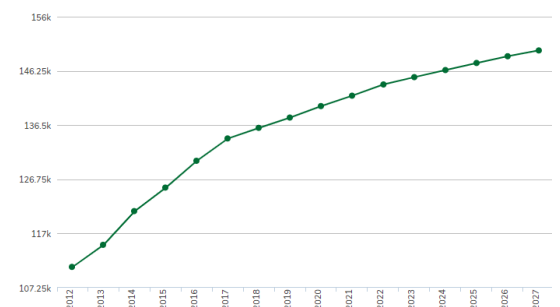
Employment by UK region:



This job in the future:

The workforce is projected to grow by 7.2% over the period to 2027, creating another 2, 500 jobs.

In the same period, 56.9% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 19,600 job opportunities.



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www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk
www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors
www.ucas.com/careers-advice
www.kudos/cascaid.co.uk/#/ (you all have a log on for this service)
www.careersbox.co.uk (careers videos)

<https://www.lawcareers.net/Barristers/BarristerPracticeAreas>

Helpful sites for careers information
 GAT careers links

<http://airhead.io/public/launchpads/XqbuOMJgb0OfqvMPCykZA>

