

BECOME A BARRISTER

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THE BAR TRANSFER TEST COURSE (BTT) [HANDBOOK 2021-22]

Your complete guide to the Bar Transfer Test.
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BSB's Professional Statement

According to the BSB's Professional Statement all newly qualified barristers should:

- a) always perform at an acceptable standard, that is the standard of performance must be at least satisfactory (fit for purpose though not necessarily outstanding or perfect);
- b) always achieve a standard of service to the client that is appropriate to the purpose for which the barrister has been instructed;
- c) perform within a reasonable timeframe (a reasonable timeframe for a newly qualified barrister may be longer than it is for an experienced barrister);
- d) be able to deal with straightforward or uncomplicated or familiar work unaided;
- e) ask for support when it is needed in order to complete more complex or unfamiliar work.

The Bar Transfer Test (BTT) allows candidates to demonstrate that they have met the Competences outlined in the Professional Statement. For the Full Statement please visit:

www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/training-qualification/the-professional-statement.html

TO YOU WE OWE THANKS

Born at Wazir Mansion in Karachi, Jinnah was trained as a Barrister at Lincoln's Inn in London, England. It is with him that our nation Pakistan associates the title of Barrister the most. Barristers uphold the very reputation of the Bar and play a pivotal role in the administration of justice. They are indeed professionals, with high mental acumen and a caliber that demonstrates the highest level of professionalism.



STRUCTURE & ELIGIBILITY

Subject to the exemption for part A (in whole or in part) from the Bar Standards Board (BSB), the BTT (Bar Transfer Test) would have to be taken by each candidate in order to be called to the Bar of England & Wales. All candidates will have to sit the Part B exams. The said exemption will be valid for 02 years from the date mentioned on the exemption letter provided by the BSB. The candidate will have to take, and successfully pass, all the relevant examinations within this time period.

SUBJECTS/ COURSES

PART A - EXEMPTION SOUGHT (LEGAL FOUNDATION SUBJECTS)

- Public Law
- Law of the EU
- Obligations including Contract, Restitution, and Tort
- Criminal Law
- Property Law
- Equity and the Law of Trusts
- English Legal System

(BTT)

- Advocacy
- Civil Litigation and Evidence
- Criminal Litigation, Evidence, and Sentencing
- Professional Ethics
- Opinion Writing
- Legal Research
- Drafting
- Conference Skills

AM I ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible to seek an exemption and sit the BTT on the basis of the following:

- A Supreme Court/ High Court or a Lower Court License.
- You must hold an undergraduate degree in Law – This may be a local or foreign Degree.
- Have work experience of up to 6 to 12 months as a practicing lawyer or any other related work experience
- A score above 7.5 in each section of the IELTS Academic Test (where and if applicable)

ADVOCACY TRAINING (COMPULSORY)

You will have to attend a 03- day advocacy training session as a part of passing the Part B of the BTT at the BPP in the UK. (Due to the ongoing pandemic, this may be attended online).

QUALIFYING SESSIONS (COMPULSORY)

You will have to attend 10 qualifying sessions at the Lincoln's Inns (or at the Inn that you choose). You have to complete these qualifying sessions before being called to the Bar of England and Wales.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE INNS OF COURT

There are four Inns of Court

- Gray's Inn
- Lincoln's Inn
- Inner Temple
- Middle Temple.

Every Inn has its own requirements for admission.

For the Lincoln's Inn, the following documents shall be required with the application:

- Admission Declaration
- Two certificates of good character
- Four Inns of Court Forms
- Ethnic Origins Form
- A copy of the application form submitted to the BSB for exemption
- A copy of the letter received from the BSB giving details of approval and the formalities required to be met for the grant of exemption.
- A certificate of good standing from the candidate's professional body not issued more than three months before the application.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS?

STEP 1: EXEMPTION FROM THE BAR STANDARDS BOARD

Based on the aforementioned eligibility criteria, an Exemption will be sought from the BSB for the Legal Foundation subjects i.e. the Part A subjects. The decision of the BSB may take up to eight weeks once the fee, the application, and the relevant documents are submitted. This exemption provided via the BSB's decision is discretionary.

STEP 2: YOU SIT YOUR CLASSES AND START PREPARING FOR YOUR EXAMINATIONS I.E. PART B (SUBJECTS/COURSE)

While you await the BSB's decision, you will start your studies. The faculty at Vanadium Law School will help you prepare for your examinations.

STEP 3: MEMBERSHIP OF THE INNS OF COURT

Upon receiving a positive decision from the BSB, you will apply for the Membership of one of the Inns of Court. Inn membership is compulsory for your "call to the Bar".

The decision of the Inn may take up to eight or more weeks once the fee, the application, and the relevant documents are submitted.

STEP 4: REGISTRATION OF BTT WITH BPP LAW SCHOOL

Upon receiving the decision letter of the BSB and in light of the exemption granted, the candidate will then apply to the BPP Law School for registration to sit the BTT examinations.

EXAMINATIONS/ BTT SITTINGS

There are two sittings for the BTT (March/April and August/September).

PASSING AND ATTEMPTS

- The passing grade for each exam is 60%.
- The number of attempts for passing the BTT have been reviewed. These shall be communicated to you once you receive your exemption letter.

NOTE

[All international Fee are regulated by and payable to the concerned institutions. 'Vanadium' neither regulates nor receives them]

FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE BAR TRANSFER TEST [BTT] PREP COURSE

[INTERNATIONAL FEE PER-SESSION]

- Bar Standards Board (BSB) Fee: **£440**
- Lincoln's Inn membership Fee: **£112**
- Lincoln's Inn Qualifying Sessions Fee: **£225** (Approximately)
- Examinations Fee: **£3990 Maximum** (May be less - Subject to exemptions)

[VANADIUM LAW SCHOOL FEE PER-SESSION]

- Vanadium Law School Admission Fee: **PKR 35,000/- (non-refundable)**
- Applications + Books/Study Material Fee : **PKR 150,000/- (non-refundable)**
- Full Tuition Fee: **PKR 260,000/- (non-refundable)**

Total Fee:

International Fee [£4767]

Vanadium Fee [PKR 445,000]