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To qualify for specialist accreditation a solicitor must have practised full-time for at least five years and worked in their area of speciality for at least three years.

To gain specialist accreditation a solicitor must pass rigorous assessments in communication, problem solving, client relations and, of course, the law.

To maintain accredited status, a solicitor must annually renew a certificate to practise the law and membership of the Law Society, plus update his or her skills and knowledge at the specialist level.

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