

Practice Rights Requirements



Your guide to becoming authorised in your specialist area

To obtain Practice Rights, you must demonstrate that you have the required:

- Skills
- Knowledge
- Experience

4 steps to obtaining Practice Rights



This factsheet provides an overview of the key requirements and routes available.

Step 1: Check your eligibility

Before applying, you should typically have:

Requirement	Requirement Details
Legal experience	At least 5 years' working in the legal sector
Specialist experience	At least 2 years' experience in the specialist area in which you are seeking authorisation*
Membership	Be a CILEX Fellow
Competence	Be able to demonstrate the required knowledge, skills and experience

*The Training and Assessment route may be available if you do not yet have two years' specialist experience.

Step 2: Meet the knowledge requirements

You can satisfy the knowledge requirements in one of two ways.

Option A – CLEX Level 6 Qualification (or equivalent):

You have passed the relevant Level 6 qualification for your specialist area.

Option B – Knowledge Portfolio:

If you haven't passed the relevant Level 6 qualification, you'll need to submit:

- Two knowledge portfolios
- Evidence demonstrating at least 50% of the competence within the relevant Competence Framework as outlined in the CILEX Regulation Handbook for your specialist area.

Step 3: Complete the skills requirement

The skills requirement consists of three parts.

Skills requirement	How it's met
Client Care	Usually met through Level 6 assessment
Legal Research	Usually met through Level 6 assessment
Specialist Skills	Skills logbook and supporting evidence portfolio

For specialist skills, you must demonstrate evidence against the learning outcomes within your chosen practice area.

Step 4: Demonstrate your experience

You'll need to provide evidence demonstrating your experience across the required competencies.

If you have met the knowledge requirement through examinations:

- Submit 3 Experience Portfolios

If you are meeting the knowledge requirement through portfolios:

- Submit 5 Experience Portfolios

Your evidence should demonstrate how you meet the competencies required for authorisation in your specialist area.

Before you apply

Use this checklist to ensure you're ready:

- ☐ Confirm eligibility
- ☐ Review the Competence Framework for your specialism
- ☐ Decide which route is best for you
- ☐ Gather your evidence
- ☐ Complete any required portfolios or assessments
- ☐ Obtain any required supporting documentation
- ☐ Check the latest feed and application window
- ☐ Submit your application