

	Academic performance	Intellectual aptitude	Quality of written communication	Interest in law and/or the Bar	Other work or life experience
<b>4: Strong evidence</b>	Achieved or predicted first class undergraduate degree. <i>For candidates who have not completed an undergraduate degree, average grades for individual modules</i>	An exceptional candidate with lots of evidence of very high intellectual achievement.	A flawless and well-written application which is an effective piece of personal written advocacy.	A candidate with strong, detailed and persuasive reasons for wanting to be a Barrister and whose interest in our areas of law is already demonstrably strong	A candidate who can show, with any other work or life experience, exceptional personal qualities which will mark them out for success at the bar (e.g. tenacity; resilience; integrity)
<b>3: Good evidence</b>	Achieved or predicted 2:1 in a rigorous subject from a well-regarded institution; scholarships, prizes etc.	A candidate with evidence of a high intellectual aptitude, but falling short of being exceptional	A well-written application which communicates its message well, with few if any errors in style or expression	A candidate who is clearly strongly motivated to become a barrister, and has started to demonstrate interest in our areas of law	A candidate whose other work or life experiences contribute to them being a mature, well-rounded person with strong personal qualities
<b>2: Enough evidence</b>	Other 2:1 degree; no other academic achievements to merit scoring higher; 2:1 alongside less good school-level qualifications.	A candidate who shows that they clearly have sufficient intellect to do the job of a barrister.	A piece of writing which communicates its message with a degree of effectiveness, but which contains some errors which cannot be overlooked	A candidate who definitely wants to know more about being a Barrister and has some relevant knowledge, what it involves, and the broad areas of law we do	A candidate who has some non-law experience in their life which will stand them in good stead.
<b>1: some evidence</b>	2:2 degree or below.	Candidate may be sufficiently intellectually qualified, but evidence may be lacking, or some doubt exists.	Contains errors or omissions which detract from the message of the application, or fails adequately to answer the questions. An ineffective attempt at written advocacy	A candidate with at least some interest in the Bar, but who is not currently expressing sufficient understanding of the role or our areas of law	A candidate who has some non-law experiences, but who has not sufficiently demonstrated their relevance to their interest in the Bar.
<b>0: weak or no evidence</b>	Candidate lacks required qualifications, or has failed to complete the section correctly. <i>Correct completion requires ALL education to be included, including pre-university qualifications</i>	Application clearly demonstrates a lack of intellectual capability for the job of a barrister.	A poorly-written application which contains major errors; is difficult to read; or totally fails to answer the questions	Interest in the job is absent, misunderstood, or merely casual. A candidate who is not motivated to be a barrister.	No non-law experiences mentioned; or an application which demonstrates active unsuitability.
<b>Weighting</b>	<b>× 2</b>	<b>× 1.5</b>	<b>× 2</b>	<b>× 1</b>	<b>× 1</b>