Bar Placement Scheme Application Form

2-5 July 2024

**This application form must be fully completed and submitted to** [**BPS@BarCouncil.org.uk**](mailto:BPS@BarCouncil.org.uk) **by Friday 03 May 2024 to be considered for a placement.**

This form is best completed on a computer or laptop.

Application guidance

* *Do.* Consider who will be reading your application – this is a professional placement, so you should avoid being controversial for the sake of standing out. You might stand out in the wrong way!
* *Do.* Use the word count as much as possible. Very short answers are unlikely to give enough information and very long answers will look like they lack focus.
* *Do.* Think carefully about your reasons for wanting to explore being a barrister. We want to see evidence of interest in the Bar, as well as the law more generally.
* *Don’t.* Worry if you don’t have much work experience – demonstrate your interest and skills by your reading and hobbies.

**To participate in Bar Placement Week, you will need to meet the below social mobility criteria. The Bar Council adopts the** [**Social Mobility Commission’s**](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/social-mobility-commission/about) **definition of social mobility.**

“Social mobility is the link between a person’s occupation or income and the occupation or income of their parents. Where there is a strong link, there is a lower level of social mobility. Where there is a weak link, there is a higher level of social mobility.”

**Please note that the statements below must apply to you to be able to apply for this scheme (please tap or click checkbox to confirm):**

I am available to take part in the whole week (2-5 July).

I am currently in Year 12, 13 **or** a 1st year undergraduate student and attend(ed) a **state school** or **college.**

I confirm I meet the social mobility criteria (see page 2 for reference).

I am the first in my family to attend university.

I have been in receipt of Free School Meals whilst at Secondary School.

I have a strong interest in the law and becoming a barrister.

I have read the [‘Becoming a Barrister’](https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/resource/becoming-a-barrister-online-brochure-2022.html) brochure.

I understand that this form will be shared with my host chambers. Please see [our privacy statement](https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/useful-information/privacy-statement.html).

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| **Name** |  |
| **Date of Birth** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Mobile phone** |  |
| **Current school** |  |
| **Medical or access requirements** |  |
| **Dietary requirements** |  |
| **Religious or cultural requirements** |  |
| **How did you hear about the scheme?** |  |

**Emergency Contact 1**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Relationship to student** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Mobile phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |

**Emergency Contact 2**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Relationship to student** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Mobile phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |

**A/S Level Subjects**

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| **Subject** | **Predicted grades (if known)** |
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**GCSE Grades**

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**If you feel that you underwent extenuating circumstances during your exams, which may have affected your ability to achieve your predicted grades, please expand below.**

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**Please select the areas of law are you most interested in order of preference (e.g., Chancery/Commercial 1, Family 2, Crime 3)**

**Please note that we cannot guarantee that you will get a placement with your preference.**

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| **Crime** |  |
| **Chancery/Commercial** |  |
| **Public law and human rights** |  |
| **Employment** |  |
| **Tort (e.g. personal injury, negligence)** |  |
| **Family** |  |
| **Other – please specify** |  |

**Please indicate which scheme you are applying for. You should not select more than one location, and this location should be within one hour’s commute of your home. Please contact us in advance of applying if you are not sure.**

Birmingham  Liverpool  Cardiff

Bristol  London  Other\* (please indicate)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cardiff  Manchester

Leeds  Sheffield

**1. Why would you like to take part in the Bar Placement Week 2024? (200 words)**

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**2. What are your extracurricular activities? Do you volunteer or have a part-time job?**

**(200 words)**

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**3. What do you think is the biggest problem facing the world today, and how would you attempt to resolve it? Please ensure you answer both parts of the question. (200 words)**

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**4. Are you a product of your environment? Please explain why you agree or disagree with this statement.** **(200 words)**

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**5. Discuss a recent court case or legal news story which you found interesting. You should think about facts and the outcome of the case. It could be of local, national or international importance. Please see** [**The Supreme Court Decided Cases**](https://www.supremecourt.uk/decided-cases/) **and** [**Bar Human Rights Committee of England & Wales**](http://www.barhumanrights.org.uk/) **for inspiration. (200 words)**

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**Reference**

If you are successful, we will need to contact your referee (who should be someone from your school e.g., your form tutor or head of year).

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| **Name** |  |
| **Position at school** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Email address** |  |

Please email your application and consent form (below) to [BPS@BarCouncil.org.uk](mailto:BPS@BarCouncil.org.uk) by **Friday 3 May 2024**

**Please also complete the Equality Monitoring Form online.** This is confidential and anonymous. **It is not compulsory**, but it helps the Bar Council to ensure our programmes are reaching a diverse range of people. Please indicate if you have completed the Equality Monitoring Form.

**I have completed the Equality Monitoring Form**

Consent Form

For Parents, Carers or Guardians

Please note: This section MUST be completed to be considered for a placement.

Parent/Guardian 1’s Name:

Parent/Guardian 2’s Name:

As Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I give permission for them to take part in the Bar Placement Week 2-5 July 2024, should they be selected. I also give permission for them to be filmed or photographed for publicity purposes. The Bar Council would never use students’ full names in any publicity.

I also understand that, if successful, this form will be shared with the organisation where the placement is taking place. Please see here for our privacy statement: <https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/privacy-statement/>.

I certify that all the information above, to the best of my knowledge, is truthful.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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