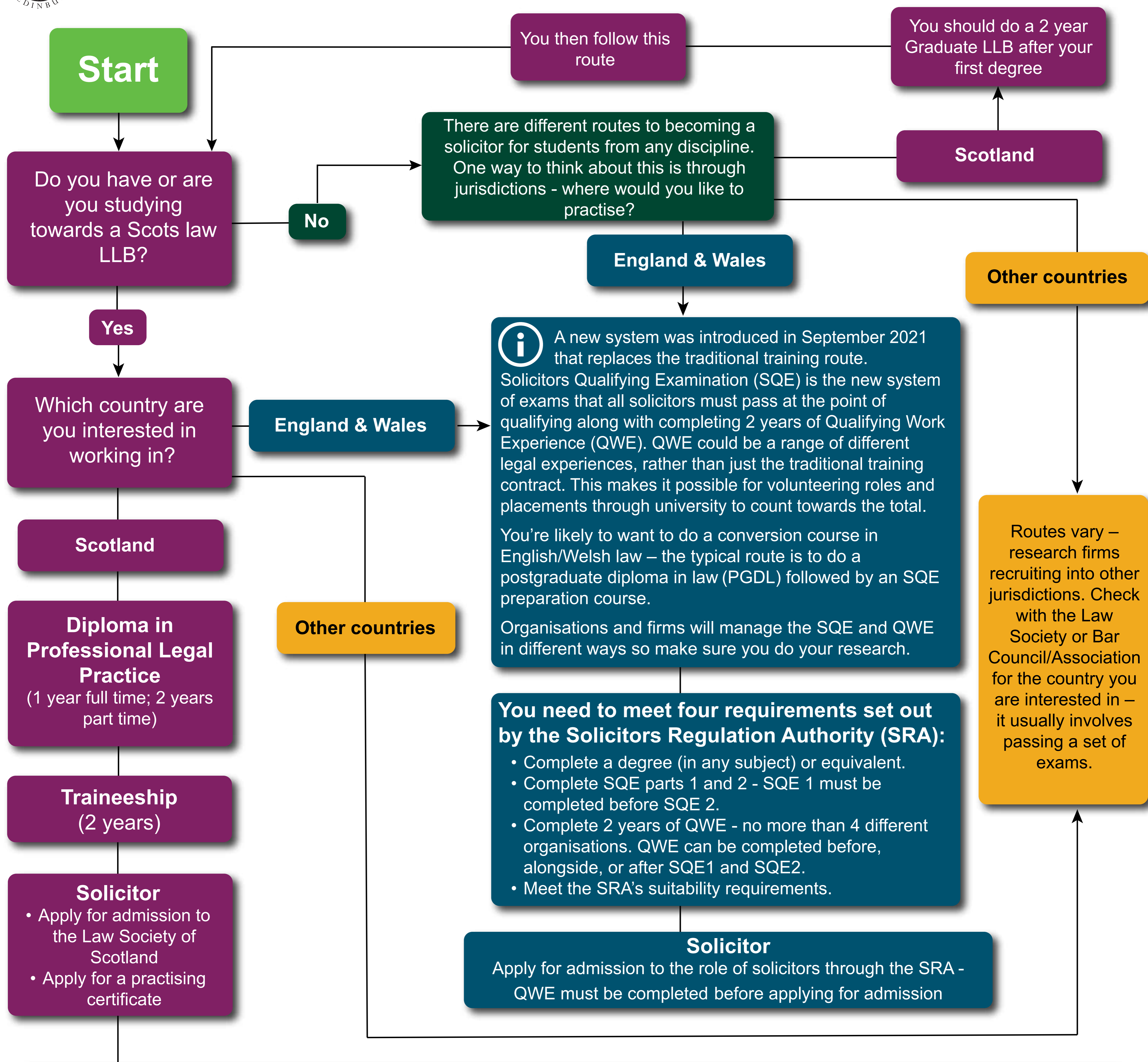


# What are the routes towards qualifying as a solicitor?



## Where can you do a traineeship?

- Big law firms; tend to be large commercial firms - can recruit two years in advance
- Smaller, medium sized firms; high street firms - recruit as and when they need a trainee
- In-house organisations; private or public sector - can offer anything from current vacancies up to 1-2 years in advance

## When are you due to graduate from your LLB?

### I already have, and have started the Diploma:

Most of the large commercial firms advertising will be recruiting for 2025/2026 start dates so you may have a 1-2 year gap after finishing your Diploma. Through the year, opportunities for 2024 starts will arise, particularly with smaller firms and just-in-time recruitment.

#### 2024:

Apply for traineeships starting 2025 or 2026. Look at routes in via vacation placements too.

#### 2025:

Talk to firms about internships/vacation placements and early applications to 2026 traineeships.

#### 2026 or later:

Some firms offer work experience opportunities for earlier year students and you can get an insight into different areas of work to help inform your future choices.