

Transfer of Qualifying Sessions for Students Changing Inns

Introduction

The moving of student members on the Bar course between Inns is not encouraged. As specified by the Bar Standards Board, Bar course students are required to be a member of an Inn for the whole of their time on the course or for the whole of the second part of the course if it is split into two parts. However in those cases where a student member is of the strong view that a change of Inn is the right course for them they can approach the Inn they wish to join to request membership. An application can be made for the Qualifying Sessions awarded by the original Inn to be transferred to the new Inn so these can be counted towards the total needed for Call to the Bar. Only those Qualifying Sessions completed under the BSB's QS Framework are transferable ie. those delivered by the Inns from September 2020 onwards.

Student members on the Bar course who are considering changing their Inn need to ensure there is no gap in Inn membership. The transfer to the new Inn and the termination of membership of the original Inn must take place on the same day.

Protocol

Student members who wish to change Inns must in the first instance approach the Inn they wish to join and ask if they will consider an application for membership. Each Inn will judge each case on its merits. If the new Inn is willing to receive an application for membership the student member must then advise their original Inn in writing that they wish to move. The student member will then submit an admission declaration to their new Inn. Student members who have completed Qualifying Sessions at their original Inn can ask for the Inn to produce a report providing details of the Qualifying Sessions that have been attended. The original Inn will use the form at Annex A for this and will supply the report direct to the new Inn. The new Inn will advise the student member once their membership has been confirmed and whether the transfer of Qualifying Sessions has been completed.

In September 2020 the rules around attendance at Qualifying Sessions changed leading to a set of transitional provisions being put in place. Student members who are unsure about the Qualifying Session requirements which apply to them should contact their original Inn to have this confirmed.

Annex A

Report Form for the Transfer of Qualifying Sessions Between Inns

To be completed by the student member's original Inn.

Name	
Original Inn	
Date of Admission	
Inn Membership Number	
Total number of QS to be Transferred	
Planned Call Date	
MyBar Number if applicable	
Please set out here the QS requirements which apply to the student - as found in the Inns' Education & Qualification Rules.	

Name of QS event	
Date of QS event	
Number of QS points awarded	
QS Framework Theme(s) Ethics, Standards & Values (ESV), Advocacy Skills (AS), Legal knowledge, justice and the rule of law (LK), Equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) or Preparation for pupillage, career development and wellbeing (MP).	
Interactive & preparation in advance – Y/N	
Was the event attended in-person or online	

Note: The Inn completing the report will copy the above table should more than 1 Qualifying sessions have been attended.

For Office use:

Original Inn:

Confirmation of attendance provided by: _____ (name)

_____ (role)

Date: _____

New Inn:

Date on which membership confirmed and QS transferred:

Authorisation provided by: _____ (name)

_____ (role)

Date: _____