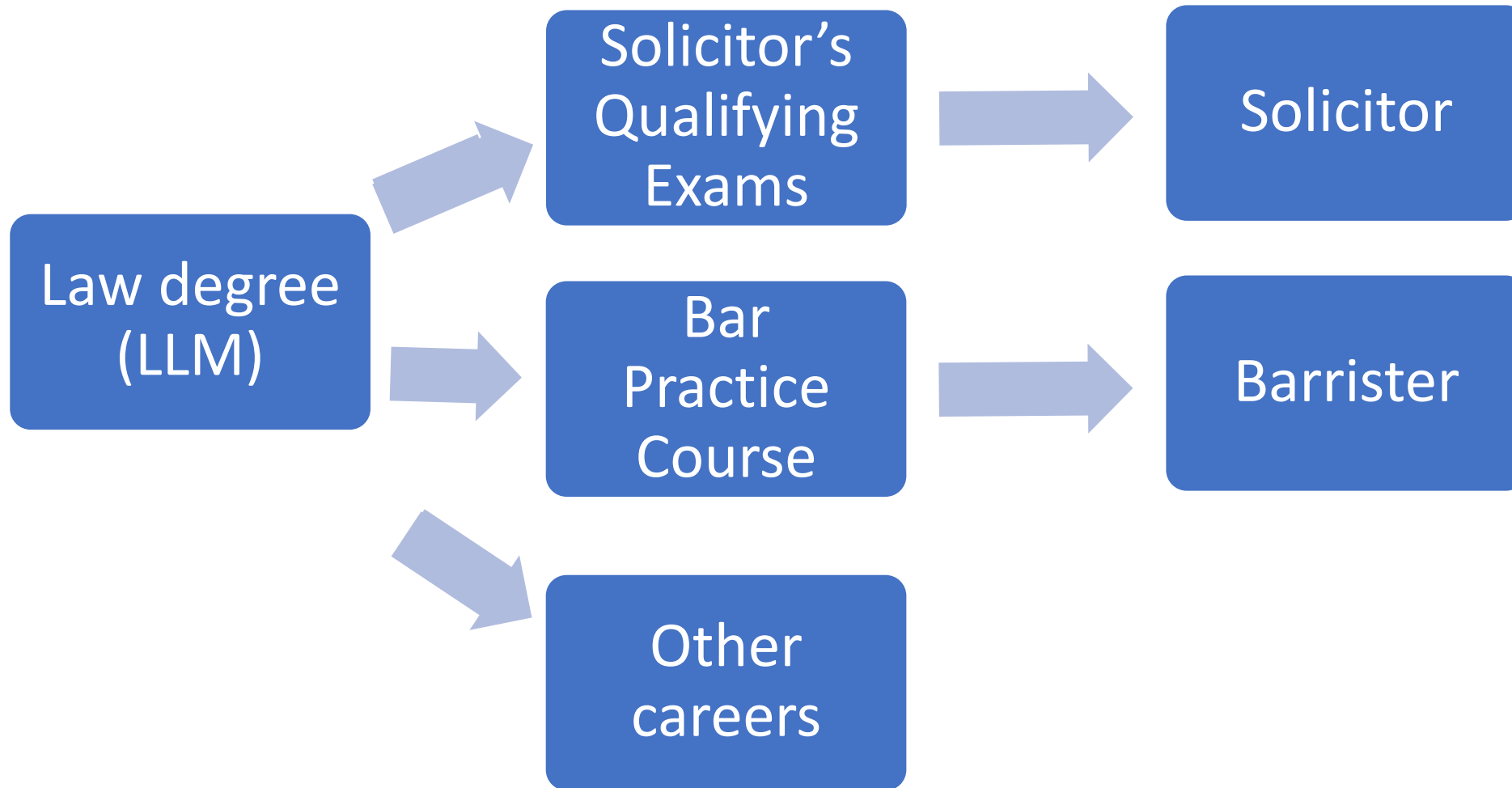


Law – courses and careers

# Law Courses

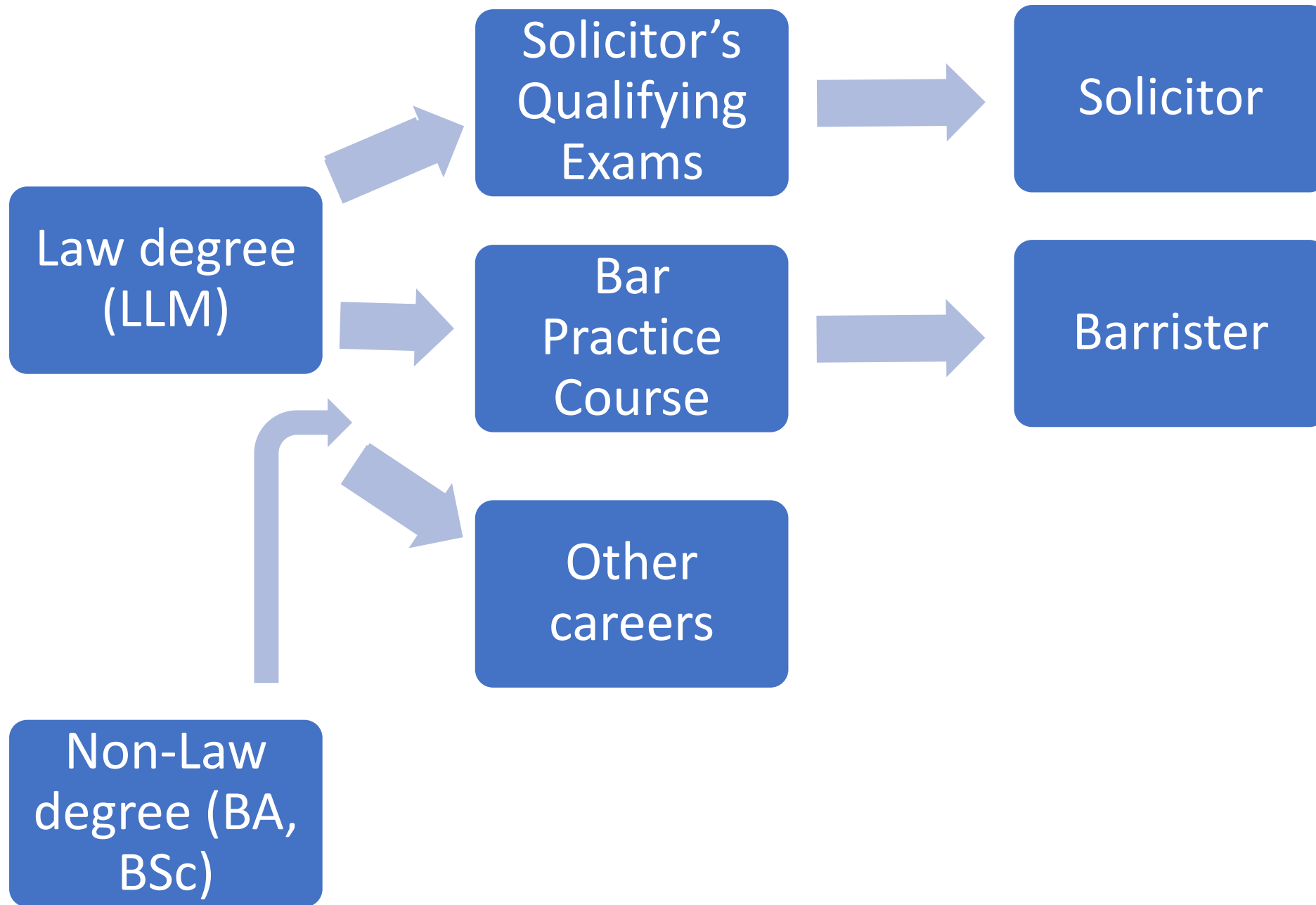
Two routes for a career in law:

- Law Degree – LLB
- Non-law Degree (eg BA, BSc) followed by “law conversion”



# Law Degree – admissions process

- Some Law degrees require LNAT National Admissions Test for Law – an aptitude test
- Multiple choice comprehension and one essay
- Lnat.ac.uk
  - Register
  - Practice
- Dates: opens 1 August 2025, register early. Deadlines: Oxbridge 15 October, LSE 31 December.
- Only allowed to sit once.
- For example: Bristol: GCSE 20%, sixth form grades 40%, LNAT 40%.



# Non-Law Degree

- Complete a three year degree, e.g History, English
- Different options from different instructions (previous Law conversion system no longer in place)
- One year course to prepare for the law, for example:
- University of Law Post Graduate Diploma in Law (PGDL) with SQE 1 preparation
- Nottingham Law School LLM Law course (including SQE 1 preparation)

# After a university course in Law – “Lawyer”

## **1. Solicitor**

- Solicitors Qualifying Exams (SQE1 and SQE2) (previous system known as Legal Practice Course “LPC”)
- Various institutions: University of Law, BPP
- Two years training – QWE – Qualifying Work Experience. No longer has to be in one firm

## **Where?**

- High street firm, In House, Corporate Law, Commercial Law.

# After a university course in Law – “Lawyer”

## **2. Barrister**

- Bar Practice Course, Bar Professional Training Course, Barrister Training Course
- Pupillage
- Qualification



# Routes

<b>Solicitor</b>			<b>Barrister</b>	
<b>Law Degree</b>	<b>Non-Law Degree</b>	<b>Apprenticeship</b>	<b>Law Degree</b>	<b>Non-Law Degree</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> year	1 <sup>st</sup> year	1 <sup>st</sup> year	1 <sup>st</sup> year	1 <sup>st</sup> year
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
SQE 1 & 2	SQE 1 preparation course (PGDL)	4 <sup>th</sup> year	Bar Practice Course	Conversion course (PGDL)
2 years QWE	SQE 1 & 2	5 <sup>th</sup> year	Pupillage	Bar Practice Course
Qualified solicitor	2 years QWE	6 <sup>th</sup> year	Barrister	Pupillage
	Qualified solicitor	7 <sup>th</sup> year		Barrister

# After a university course in Law

## **3. Other areas of work**

- Civil Service
- Business
- Accountancy
- Political scientist/government role
- Civil Service
- Compliance
- Teacher

# For further information

- [Unifrog](#)
- [Lawcareers.net](#)
- [Prospects.ac.uk](#)

# Advice at this stage

- Research what is covered in a Law degree
- Develop skills in research, analysis, clear communication
- Read
- Get involved in debating
- Unifrog - MOOC
- Work experience – be flexible

The Law is competitive - how will your application stand out?