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Call to the Bar Guidelines

Guidance on applying to be called to the Bar in
2022/23





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Before you start...

Please use these guidelines as your point of reference if you are applying for any of the following ceremonies:

2022

- Trinity – Thursday 28 July 2022
- Deferred Trinity – Thursday 13 October 2022
- Michaelmas – Thursday 24 November 2022

2023

- Hilary – Thursday 23 March 2023

Dos:

- ✓ **Do** begin the application process as soon as possible.
- ✓ **Do** start your application prior to receiving your Bar Training Course or Bar Transfer Test results.
- ✓ **Do** start your application prior to attending the requisite number of Qualifying Sessions (QS).
- ✓ **Do** start the process of obtaining the required criminal record check/s as soon as possible.
- ✓ **Do** add Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield (tlouis-byfield@innertemple.org.uk) to your Safe Sender List of approved email contacts.
- ✓ **Do** keep your address and contact details updated with the Inn.
- ✓ **Do** keep us informed of any changes to your circumstances that might affect you being called to the Bar.

Don'ts:

- × **Do not** begin your application before you have thoroughly read these guidelines.
- × **Do not** submit your application if it does not contain all the documentation needed to process it (See Section 2 of the *'Guidance on applying for Call'*)



Guidance on applying for Call

1. Call dates and application deadlines

The three Call to the Bar ceremony dates and corresponding application deadlines in 2022/23 are listed below.

Call Ceremony	Ceremony Date	Application Deadline
Trinity	Thursday 28 July 2022	Friday 1 July 2022
Deferred Trinity	Thursday 13 October 2022	Friday 16 September 2022
Michaelmas	Thursday 24 November 2022	Friday 28 October 2022
Hilary	Thursday 23 March 2023	Friday 24 February 2023

2. Submitting your application

Please bear in mind that each ceremony has a capacity limit and places are reserved on a first come, first served basis upon receipt of a fully completed application. As a result, it is highly recommended that you submit your application for Call as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, due to demand, we cannot guarantee everyone their first choice of Call ceremony.

All Call to the Bar applications must be submitted via email and not by post. To submit your application via email, please follow these steps:

- 1) Create a compressed (zipped) folder and label it with your Inn Membership Number, followed by the initial of your first name, and then your last name, e.g.

 2018421 J SMITH

- 2) Add the required documentation to the folder:
 - Call to the Bar Application Cover Sheet
 - Call Declaration Form
 - Master of the Bench Interview Form
 - Notice for Call to the Bar Form
 - Duke of Edinburgh Scholarship Form (if applicable)
 - Admission letter from the Bar Standards Board (if transferring to the Bar)
 - CV
- 3) Ensure you have paid the £75 Call fee online (if necessary)
- 4) Send your complete application, via email, to Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield (tlouis-byfield@innertemple.org.uk). In the subject line of the email, please state *Call to*

the Bar Application followed by your membership number, e.g. *Call to the Bar Application - 2020123*

Please note that:

- Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- Your provisional Call date can only be confirmed once a complete Call application, including the form signed by a Master of the Bench and payment has been received.
- Digital signatures are permissible.

Once the Inn has received your completed and signed application, and it has been processed, you will be sent an email confirming your provisional Call to the Bar date.

Please bear in mind that your place at the Call ceremony will be subject to you passing the Bar Training Course/Bar Transfer Test, meeting the requirement outlined under the Qualifying Sessions (QS) Framework, and undergoing the requisite fit and proper checks (including obtaining the necessary criminal record checks).

3. Pre-Call requirements

At the time of your Call to the Bar you must:

- ✓ Be certified as having successfully completed the Bar Training Course (*students*) / Bar Transfer Test (*transferring legal professionals, if required*)
- ✓ Have obtained the requisite number of Qualifying Session (QS) points
- ✓ Have undertaken and obtained a 'Standard' Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and the international equivalents, where applicable

If you have not met these requirements, you will be ineligible to be called to the Bar.

Please note that the Inn must receive confirmation of the outcome of all necessary criminal record checks at least two weeks prior to your Call date.

The Inn must also receive confirmation that you have completed the Bar Training Course/Bar Transfer Test at least two weeks prior to your Call date.

Confirmation of your Bar Training Course/Bar Transfer Test result will be sent to the Inn by your Authorised Education and Training Organisation, so please check before submitting an application that the results release date is compatible with your intended Call date.

4. Qualifying Sessions (QS)

Prior to being called to the Bar you must obtain the requisite number of Qualifying Session (QS) points.

In September 2020 a new Qualifying Sessions Framework was introduced which stipulates that, prior to being called to the Bar, all Bar Training Course students and individuals transferring to the Bar must:

- complete 10 Qualifying Sessions
- attend a minimum of one session under each of the following five themes:
 - Ethics, Standards and Values;
 - Advocacy Skills;
 - Legal Knowledge, Justice and the Rule of Law;
 - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion;
 - Preparation for Pupillage, Career Development and Wellbeing
- attend at least two sessions that are categorised as interactive and require preparation in advance

Students who began the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) before 1 June 2020 are subject to transitional provisions set out in the Joint Inns' Education and Qualification Rules.

Transitional provisions also apply to students who attended Qualifying Sessions prior to 1 June 2020 and Transferring Legal Professionals who were admitted to the Inn prior to 1 September 2020.

A full overview of the transitional arrangements can be found under paragraph 39 of the [Joint Inns' Education and Qualification Rules](#).

A flowchart which provides a simplified overview of the transitional arrangements can be accessed [here](#).

Please note, a Qualifying Session is only valid if completed in the 5 years leading up to the date on which you are called to the Bar. If the date of an attended Qualifying Session falls outside of this period, then it is classed as expired and cannot be included in your overall Qualifying Session points total.

It is your own responsibility to keep track of the number of Qualifying Session points you have and their validity. If you do not have the required number of valid Qualifying Session points, you cannot be called to the Bar.

You can monitor your Qualifying Sessions via the Inner Temple website (once logged in):

<https://www.innertemple.org.uk/members-area/>

Further information regarding Qualifying Sessions can be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.innertemple.org.uk/education/bar-course/qualifyingsessions/>

N.B. The Call to the Bar ceremony will no longer be classed as a Qualifying Session from 1 July 2021 onwards.

5. Criminal record checks

All individuals, including Transferring Legal Professionals, being called to the Bar on or after 1 July 2021 are required to undergo a Standard UK DBS check and, if necessary, the equivalent international checks.

All required checks must be issued to the Inn via DDC at least two weeks prior to an applicant's Call to the Bar date. Failure to obtain the check/s by this deadline will result in you being ineligible for Call.

Each check issued via DDC has a lifespan of 12 months from the date of issuance and will be considered valid for any Call ceremonies scheduled to occur within that period. The Inn cannot accept DBS checks, or international criminal record checks, issued independently or via other umbrella bodies.

A detailed overview of the process, including a breakdown of costs, can be found in the [Criminal Record Checks Factsheet](#); please read this in the first instance.

As is stated in the Criminal Record Checks Factsheet, the process of obtaining criminal record checks must be initiated by the applicant. To indicate that you intend to apply to be called to the Bar in 2022 and, as a result, wish to begin the process of obtaining the necessary criminal record check/s, please click on the link below to complete the online form:

[Criminal Record Checks Registration Form](#)

If you intend to apply for the Hilary ceremony (Thursday 23 March 2023), please complete the online form by **Friday 4 November 2022**. If you have not completed the above form by this date, please complete the form and contact Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield directly as soon as possible.

It is also possible for you to request that the criminal record check process is initiated after the abovementioned deadline. This can be done on an individual basis by emailing Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield directly. However, please bear in mind that it is a requirement to obtain the necessary check/s at least two weeks prior to any Call date, so please ensure you notify the Inn with sufficient time for the checks to be satisfactorily completed.

Once you have completed the online form, nothing further needs to be done at this stage. DDC will contact you directly, via email, to guide you through the process of obtaining the criminal record check/s (**please monitor your 'spam/junk' folder in case the email is directed there**).

6. Interview with a Master of the Bench

A Bencher, or Master of the Bench (MOB), is a senior member of an Inn of Court in England and Wales.

An application to be called to the Bar is only considered complete after you have been interviewed by a Master of the Bench and they have signed the relevant form agreeing to propose your Call to Bar. This form then needs to be submitted as part of your application to be called to the Bar.

All Inner Temple Masters of the Bench except Honorary, Overseas, Supernumerary or Legal Academic Benchers are eligible to interview and sign the form.

If you personally know a Master of the Bench, you are welcome to contact them to see if they would be happy to propose your Call to the Bar and sign the relevant form. **N.B.** If you do not have their contact details this is not something the Inn will be able to provide.

If you do not personally know a Master of the Bench, the Inn can request an interview with a Bencher on your behalf. To register for an interview, please do so via the following link:

[Master of the Bench Interview Request Form](#)

Please note that references are no longer required for an interview with a Master of the Bench to be arranged. However, you will need to submit an up-to-date version of your CV when requesting an interview.

Once you have completed the online form, nothing further needs to be done at this stage. Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield will then contact you in due course to provide you with the contact details of the Master of the Bench who has agreed to interview you. It is then your responsibility to liaise directly with the Master of the Bench to decide on a mutually suitable time and date for the interview to take place. Please note that allocating a Master of the Bench for these interviews take time and requests will be processed as soon as possible.

Interview Protocol

As a member of the Inn, it is courteous to address the Master of the Bench as "Master [Last name]" in both writing and during your interview, unless they have requested that you address them otherwise.

We ask applicants to dress reasonably smartly for interviews (e.g., as a guide, a smart top is appropriate, but the dark suit normally worn for pupillage, court or mooting is not necessary). Interviews normally take around 30 minutes and you do not need to prepare in advance.

Further notes regarding the interview process can be found below:

- Interviews can be conducted in person or remotely, via Zoom; Skype; etc.
- Prior to your interview with a Master of the Bench you are required to send the following to them via email:
 - Completed and signed Call Declaration Form
 - Your CV
- A Master of the Bench will not sign the relevant form if you have not provided all the required documentation prior to your interview.
- After the interview has concluded, and the Master of the Bench is content, they will sign the relevant form and email it to you with Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield copied into the email.
- The form can be digitally signed; this is permissible under the revised guidance.
- Please submit the signed form along with the other required documentation, as part of your application for Call to the Bar.

7. Call fee

The £75 Call fee is to be paid online prior to submission of your application via the following webpage:

<https://www.innertemple.org.uk/members-area/call-fees/>

You must be logged into the Inner Temple website to access this webpage and pay the Call fee.

Cheques, postal orders, payment in cash, and payment in person or over the phone cannot be accepted.

If you are reapplying to be called to the Bar, and have previously paid the £75 fee, you do not need to do so again.

If you have been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarship, please refer to point 8.

8. Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarship

This award covers the £75 cost of your Call fee.

If you have been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarship, please complete the corresponding form and include it with your Call application.

Please note, this scholarship is not the same as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which is a youth programme that you may have completed at school or university.

9. Tickets

You will need to purchase a ticket for yourself, as well as your guests to attend the Call ceremony.

These tickets will be available to book via the Inner Temple website approximately ten days prior to your Call date. You will be notified via email as to when tickets are released and provided instructions on how to purchase them.

Guest tickets are priced at **£26.70** per person and these tickets grant each guest entrance to the ceremony and the reception that follows. You will also need to purchase a ticket for yourself at **£21**.

For all ceremonies you will initially be allocated an allowance of up to three guest tickets, with the possibility of this increasing once initial ticket sales have been processed.

If you would like to be added to a list of those interested in purchasing additional guest tickets, please email Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield once you have purchased your initial tickets and no sooner.

10. Deferring your Call date

If you need to defer your Call to the Bar, for any reason, please inform Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield as soon as possible. It is your responsibility to contact the Inn and check that your provisional Call date can be deferred to an alternative Call date; this will be subject to availability.

Please confirm the release date of results/resit results with your Authorised Education and Training Organisation prior to requesting a deferral of your Call date, as the Inn must receive confirmation of your result at least two weeks prior to any future Call date.

You will also need to ensure that the required criminal record check/s are still valid for any ceremony you defer to. **N.B.** Each check has a validity period of 12 months from the date of issuance.

Please note that it is also your responsibility to inform the Master of the Bench proposing your Call to the Bar of any amendments to your Call date.

Any application submitted to be called to the Bar in 2022 will only be valid up until the 30 June 2023. If you wish to defer your Call application to a date beyond this, then you will have to withdraw your current application and reapply; the £75 Call fee can be carried over to any subsequent application, but a new application form will need to be submitted.

Any request to defer your Call to the Bar, or withdraw your application, must be made at least two weeks prior to your provisional Call date. If submitting a request for deferral/withdrawal after this deadline, please see section 11 (below).

11. Cancellation

The Call to the Bar ceremony, as well as being an enjoyable occasion for family and friends, is the final element of the formal Call to the Bar process. Consequently, the Inn devotes significant resources (financial and staffing) to organise the ceremony. Furthermore, every application by an individual to be called to the Bar is formally approved two weeks in advance of the Call ceremony by the Masters of the Bench at Bench Table. Therefore, any request made after this point to cancel or postpone your Call to the Bar causes major disruption and expense.

If a request to cancel or postpone your Call to the Bar is made after the above-mentioned deadline, this must be put in writing and sent to the Education Operations & Project Manager, Richard Loveridge (rloveridge@innertemple.org.uk) and copied to Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield (tlouis-byfield@innertemple.org.uk).

If an individual requests cancellation/postponement within the two weeks leading up to their Call date, and this is granted, then a further £75 Call fee may be charged at the Inn's discretion.

Ceremony and reception tickets will not be refunded if the cancellation occurs within 5 working days of the ceremony.

Any request for cancellation/postponement must set out the extenuating circumstances that you would like to have considered. All requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and, if the request is made due to ill health, a medical certificate must be provided.

12. Dress code for Call ceremonies

All Callees must wear the following:

- A dark suit (both men and women). A dark dress or skirt is also acceptable but should be no shorter than knee length and must be worn with a jacket.
- Dark, formal footwear.
- A court shirt and bands OR a court shirt and ladies' collar OR a ladies' court bib (more detailed guidance listed below):

Men:

1. a tunic court shirt with attachable wing collar AND starched bands
2. a regular plain white wing-collared shirt AND starched bands

Women:

1. a court bib (aka collarette) over a white top
 2. white tunic or mandarin court shirt with ladies' collar
 3. a black dress with ladies' collar
 4. a tunic court shirt with attachable wing collar AND starched bands
 5. a regular plain white wing-collared shirt AND starched bands
- A gown (this will be supplied by the Inn, free of charge, so please do not bring your own).
 - Please note, wigs are not worn during the ceremony at the Inner Temple. However, if you opt to have your photograph professionally taken then you will have the opportunity to wear one whilst being photographed.

Court shirts, court bibs and bands can be purchased from several tailors including:

- [Ede & Ravenscroft](#)
- [Stanley Ley](#)
- [Ivy & Normanton](#) (the first legal outfitter dedicated to legal attire for women)

If you have any queries about dress requirements for Call, please contact one of the tailors directly.

Guests do not have to wear dark colours, but smart attire is requested.

13. Information about the Call ceremony

Approximate timings on the day:

- **2.30pm to 4.30pm** – Optional photography session.
- **5.00pm** – Callee registration & briefing in the Inner Temple Hall. Guests invited to take their seats in Temple Church.
- **6.00pm** – Ceremony commences in Temple Church.
- **6.45pm** – Reception in the Inner Temple Hall; Champagne and canapés served. Second photography session.
- **8.30pm** – Reception ends.

All Callees will be expected to arrive promptly at 5pm to register their attendance, shortly after which there will be a briefing by an Education & Training staff member. Callees are then lined up in order of admission to the Inn and taken to Temple Church. During the ceremony the Sub-Treasurer will read out your name, academic qualifications and the name of the Master of the Bench who has agreed to move your Call. At this point the Master of the Bench will say "Master Treasurer, I move his/her/their Call". The Treasurer will then hand you your Call certificate, you will nod to the Treasurer, then nod to the Master of the Bench and return to your seat.

If your proposing Bencher is unable to be present at the ceremony (and in some cases this may be a last-minute change that you may not be aware of), you will be allocated another Bencher. The Education & Training Department will organise this on your behalf.

Important: Please allow plenty of time for your journey to the Inner Temple on the day of your Call to the Bar, as individuals arriving late for registration, or guests arriving late for the ceremony, will not be admitted. Remember that all the Call ceremonies are held at peak travel times.

If you are late, then you will not be called to the Bar. You will subsequently need to write a letter of explanation to the Masters of the Bench and will be required to ask their permission to be called at a future date. An additional Call fee may also be requested.

The Call ceremony will also be livestreamed, via YouTube.

14. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact on Call Ceremonies

In line with current government guidance, the Inn is planning for all future Call to the Bar ceremonies to be held in person and at each ceremony we will not be implementing social distancing measures or limiting capacity. This decision will be kept under review and is subject to change. Any change to arrangements will be communicated to all applicants.

We are reminding all applicants for Call of their personal responsibility to strictly follow the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance which is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Information on how to protect yourself is available at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Many of you will want to invite family and friends to the Call ceremonies and we urge you to ensure that they also follow the latest advice.

The health, welfare and safety of members, staff and visitors is of upmost importance to the Inn. If you feel that the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic might impact your attendance at a Call ceremony, in any way, please get in touch with Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield as soon as possible.

FAQ

Is it possible to use a different method of payment for the Call fee?

No, we are only able to process payments online.

If you have difficulty making the payment, please contact Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield.

What if I do not get my first choice of Call night?

You will be assigned your second or third choice of ceremony, depending on availability, and will also be added to a waiting list for your first choice. After Bar Training Course results are released, additional places do become available as some students have to unfortunately defer their Call. Places will be reallocated to those on the waiting list as and when they become available; the date of initial application will indicate priority for the reallocated spaces.

To increase the chances of being allocated your first choice of ceremony, we strongly recommend you submit your application as early as possible. Places are issued on a strictly first come, first served basis upon receipt of a fully completed Call application.

What happens if I fail to complete the Bar Training Course before my provisional Call date?

All results must be communicated to the Inn via your Authorised Education and Training Organisation at least two weeks prior to your provisional Call date. If you do not complete the Bar Training Course in time for your provisional Call date, then you will need to email Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield and request a deferral to a later Call date.

As the Inn receives confirmation of every student's Bar Training Course result directly from the Authorised Education and Training Organisations, we will automatically reassign your place if you are ineligible to be called to the Bar. Your reserved space will be reallocated to an individual on the waiting list.

Do I need to have obtained references before I can apply for Call?

No, individuals applying for Call are no longer required to obtain references before requesting an interview with a Master of the Bench.

Do I need to have obtained the required criminal record check/s before I can apply for Call?

No. However, please be mindful that you **MUST** obtain the necessary check/s at least two weeks prior to any Call date.



Can children attend the ceremony?

Children are welcome to attend the ceremony and reception, but we ask parents to be mindful of the occasion and to try to minimise any disruption to the ceremony. Also, please note that, regardless of age, children will require a guest ticket. Each Callee is initially given the opportunity to purchase up to 3 guest tickets at £26.70 each.

Can I purchase more than 3 guest tickets?

Each Callee is initially given the opportunity to purchase up to 3 guest tickets. It may be possible to allocate more tickets once we have processed initial ticket sales.

If you would like additional tickets, please email Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield once you have purchased your initial 3 guest tickets. She will then let you know if any more tickets become available.

One or more of my guests has mobility requirements, whom should I notify?

Email Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield to inform her of this. Any reasonable adjustments will be made and we will contact you if we need further information.

Can I wear my own gown and/or wig to the ceremony?

No, the Inn will provide you with a student gown for the duration of the evening. At Inner Temple Callees do not wear a wig during the ceremony. However, if you opt to have your photograph professionally taken then you will have the opportunity to wear one whilst being photographed.

Can my guests take photographs during the ceremony?

Yes, however, when taking photographs guests should not position themselves in a way which would interfere with the ceremony or block the view of other guests. If they are using a mobile phone, please ask them to ensure that phones are on silent during the ceremony.

Will there be an opportunity to have my photograph professionally taken?

Yes, the Inn employs the services of Ede & Ravenscroft to professionally take graduation style photographs on the day of Call for those who would like this option.

Will the ceremony be livestreamed?

Yes, the ceremony will be livestreamed, via YouTube, so guests who are unable to attend can witness your Call to the Bar.



A few important reminders

Application deadlines

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Keep this booklet handy

These guidelines cover everything from your application to the ceremony itself. Read them carefully and if you have any questions refer to this document in the first instance.

Apply sooner rather than later

You can start your application prior to receiving your Bar Training Course or Bar Transfer Test results. Also, don't forget that all places at Call ceremonies are strictly allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Confirm the release date of your results

Ensure your chosen Call date is compatible with your Bar Training Course, or Bar Transfer Test, results publication date. Results must be released to the Inn at least two weeks prior to your Call date.

Keep a copy of your application

Keep a copy of the completed forms with the guidelines for future reference.

Keep us informed

If you need to defer, withdraw, or cancel your Call, for whatever reason, let us know. Contacting us sooner rather than later means that we are more likely to be able to help you.

Also, make sure your contact details are always up to date. Any changes should be made via the website or sent to records@innertemple.org.uk

Keep your Bencher up to date

Keep a record of the contact details of the Master of the Bench who signs your Call form. If there are any unexpected changes or delays it is courteous to let them know that your plans have changed, as they will most likely have planned to attend the ceremony to move your Call to the Bar.



Begin the process of obtaining the necessary criminal record check/s as soon as possible

The deadline to have obtained the necessary criminal record check/s is two weeks prior to your provisional Call date, so ensure you leave sufficient time for the checks to be satisfactorily completed.

Monitor your Qualifying Sessions (QS)

If you are being called to the Bar you must have obtained at least 10 QS points, under each of the 5 prescribed themes, by the time you are due to be called. Each QS point is valid for 5 years so do monitor the ones you have obtained to ensure they will be considered valid at the time of Call. You can submit your application before you have met the Qualifying Sessions requirement.

Hold off on making travel plans

It is strongly recommended that any travel or accommodation arrangements are not made until you have passed the Bar Training Course and received confirmation from the Inn of your provisional Call date.

Only submit fully completed applications for Call

Please do not submit your application if it does not contain all the documentation needed to process it (See Section 2, *Submitting your application*). If you send in an incomplete application, it will not be processed.

Add Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield to your Safe Senders List

Add the email address tlouis-byfield@innertemple.org.uk to your 'Safe Senders List' to ensure that important emails are never treated as junk email.

Finally, if you have any further queries about the Call to the Bar application process, please contact Tiffany-Rochelle Louis-Byfield on 020 7797 8257 or tlouis-byfield@innertemple.org.uk.



REAPPLYING FOR CALL – FAQ

1) Do I need to submit a new application prior to being called to the Bar in 2022?

Yes, you will need to reapply if you submitted an application for Call in any of the years prior to 2022 OR previously applied to be called to the Bar at the Hilary Call ceremony in March 2022. Any application to reapply to be called to the Bar must include a recently signed and completed Call Declaration Form, Notice for Call to the Bar Form, Master of the Bench Interview Form and an up-to-date copy of your CV.

2) Do I need to register for a new interview with a Master of the Bench?

No, in the first instance, you should contact the Master of Bench who agreed to propose your Call and signed the relevant form when you last submitted an application.

In the majority of cases the Master of the Bench will be happy to sign a new form for you without the need to re-interview, but this will depend on how many years have elapsed since you last applied to be called to the Bar.

If the Master of the Bench is unable to propose your Call to the Bar in 2022, for whatever reason, you will need to re-register for an interview and you will subsequently be assigned a different Master of the Bench.

3) Do I have to pay the Call fee again?

No, if you have previously paid the £75 Call fee, and this amount has not been refunded, it is carried over to any subsequent application.

4) Do I need to obtain a new DBS check?

Each DBS check and international criminal record check obtained via DDC has a validity period of 12 months from the date of issuance. If the criminal record check/s you previously obtained are due to expire prior to your intended Call date, then you will need to register to obtain updated checks.

Please see the relevant section of the *Call to the Bar Application Guidelines* for further information.

5) Do I need to attend further Qualifying Sessions?

Each Qualifying Session has a validity period of 5 years from the date of attendance.

Please see the relevant section of the *Call to the Bar Application Guidelines* for further information.