

What is the SQE?



- A single, robust, examination all aspiring solicitors will have to take
- To be introduced 1 September 2021
- Everyone will meet the same high standards in a consistent way
- We will no longer specify routes to admission as a solicitor

Qualifying work experience

At least 2 years' experience of legal services, confirmed by a solicitor



Working in law clinics and law firms, as a paralegal and a trainee



No more than 4 different organisations – can be abroad



Delivering legal services; developing some or all of required competences



No requirement for 3 practice areas

SQE website

- Launched 11 May - sqa.sra.org.uk
- Source of all SQE assessment related information for all stakeholders
- Designed with candidate and other stakeholder input

SQE website – what is covers

- What the SQE is
- Preparation –
 - Assessment Specifications
 - sample questions
 - dates of assessments
 - what to expect on the day of assessments

SQE website – what is covers

- Steps needed to take the SQE
 - registration and booking
 - payment methods
 - policies such as reasonable adjustments
- After the assessment – results, booking next assessment
- Help and support – candidate services team, policies

Registration and booking

- Registration will open in early/mid July
 - Individual candidate must create an SQE account
 - Pre-booking steps
 - diversity survey
 - registering exemptions
 - requesting reasonable adjustments

Registration and booking

- Nov SQE1 bookings to open later in July
- We will alert the market when registration and booking will be open via the website and social media

Employer / training provider booking and payment

- Bulk purchase vouchers and issue to candidates
 - Using card payment, no credit check
 - via CS team, credit check and invoiced
- Bulk bookings via CS team, credit checked and invoiced
- Employers and training providers can request credit checks and processed when registration opens

Assessment dates update

- SQE1 dates for 2021
 - 8 November (FLK1)
 - 11 November (FLK2)
- First SQE2 will be in April 2022
 - Written part: 11-13 April
 - Oral part, first sitting: 19-20 April
 - Oral part, second sitting: 21-22 April

Assessment dates update – SQE1

- Regular pattern of SQE1 dates from 2023
 - Two sittings in 2023 - January and July
 - Continue to monitor demand for introducing additional SQE1 sittings
 - Add sittings when appropriate, for example, in April and October

Assessment dates update – SQE2

- Regular pattern of SQE2 dates from 2023
 - Two sittings in 2023 - in April and July
 - Rising to three SQE2 sittings in 2024 (January, April and July)
 - Ultimately four SQE2 sittings (January, April, July, and October) when appropriate

SQE assessment dates update

- Candidate journey: allows candidates that pass SQE1 to book the next available sitting of SQE2
- Certainty: as far as possible aiming to start assessments for each relevant assessment window as follows:
 - SQE1: third week of the month
 - SQE2: final week of the month

SQE assessment dates update

Advance notice:

- Assessment dates: 12 months in advance
- New assessment window: 18 months in advance

Results timings

- SQE1
 - 6-10 weeks
- SQE2
 - 14-18 weeks

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Help and support

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Reasonable adjustments



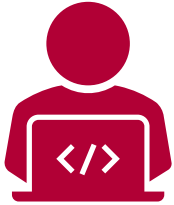
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