

BARBRI SQE Prep Prospectus

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From September 2021, the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) is being introduced meaning the route to legal qualification is changing.



BARBRI is on hand to support you, with over 50 years' experience, helping 1.3 million law students achieve success across the globe.

What is the SQE?

The SQE is a national licensing exam developed by the [Solicitors Regulation Authority \(SRA\)](#) that anyone aspiring to become a solicitor in England and Wales will have to take from September 2021, subject to [some transitional arrangements](#).

THE SQE CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS:

SQE1

- A computer-based multiple-choice exam
- 360 questions, taken over two days designed to test functioning legal knowledge (FLK)
- The exam provider is [Kaplan](#) and the exam is administered by [Pearson VUE](#)
- The exam can be sat worldwide
- The next SQE1 exams will be in November 2021 and July 2022, and from 2023 onwards will be offered every January and July*

SQE2

- A skills-based examination
- 16 written and oral skills assessments
- The written elements of the exam can be sat worldwide
- The oral elements of the exam must be taken in England and Wales
- The next SQE2 exam will be in April 2022, followed by October 2022 with more sessions planned for 2023*

**Exam dates subject to SRA changes as published on the SRA's website from time to time*

TO FIND OUT MORE, ACCESS THE SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY SQE1 AND SQE2 ASSESSMENT SPECIFICATIONS [CLICK HERE](#)



SQE1 and SQE2 Exams

THE SQE CONSISTS OF TWO STAGES: SQE1 AND SQE2

SQE1

SUBJECTS TESTED:

- Business Law and Practice (including taxation)
- Dispute Resolution
- Contract
- Tort
- The Legal System of England and Wales
- Constitutional & Administrative Law & EU Law
- Legal Services
- Property Practice (including taxation)
- Wills and the Administration of Estates (including taxation)
- Solicitors' Accounts
- Land Law
- Trusts
- Criminal law and Practice

Ethics & Professional conduct examined pervasively.

SQE2

SKILLS TESTED:

- Client interviewing (and attendance note)
- Advocacy
- Case and matter analysis
- Legal research and written advice
- Legal writing
- Legal drafting

SUBJECTS TESTED:

- Criminal Litigation (including advising clients at the police station)
- Dispute Resolution
- Property Practice
- Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice
- Business organisations, rules and procedures (including money laundering and financial services)

Qualifying Work Experience*

As well as completing the SQE, aspiring solicitors will also need to complete at least two-years full time - or equivalent - Qualifying Work Experience (QWE). This can be taken **before**, **during** or **after** SQE1 and SQE2. QWE is any experience (paid or unpaid) of the provision of legal services that gives an aspiring lawyer the opportunity to develop the competencies needed to practise as a solicitor.

It can be acquired in stages, with a maximum of four organisations and could include:

- Undertaking a training contract
- Working as a paralegal
- Placements during a law degree
- Working in a law clinic
- Working at a voluntary or charitable organisation, or a law centre
- Working in-house

**unless exempt*



BARRBI **SQE1** and **SQE2** Prep

SQE1

You will start with the SQE1, unless you are **exempt**.



BARBRI SQE Prep courses are offered as 40-week, 20-week, 10-week course options leading up to each scheduled exam. You can complete your prep on a full-time or part-time basis.



Your SQE1 Prep course is offered primarily online through BARBRI's learning management system. You have full 1:1 mentor support and the opportunity to attend face-to-face 'Prep for Success' workshops to additionally enhance preparation.



You receive a set of hard copy resource materials, practice 2000+ multiple-choice questions, sit several practice exams as well as a full, realistic mock exam before you sit the actual SQE1.

SQE2

After passing SQE1, you will be eligible to apply and sit SQE2.



BARBRI SQE2 Prep will be offered at least twice a year leading into the scheduled exams. It will be in the form of a 12-week, part-time course.



BARBRI SQE2 Prep provides practitioner expertise on practical transactions and legal skills. BARBRI tells you the criteria and standards to which you are being assessed, shows you how to undertake the task and provides multiple practice opportunities to hone your skills.



Lastly, attend a full gateway assessment immediately prior to your SQE2 providing reassurance that you are ready to succeed in the exam.

QUALIFYING WITH THE SQE



Have a Degree or Equivalent



Pass the SQE



Complete a Minimum Period of Qualifying Legal Work Experience



Satisfy the SRA's Character and Suitability Requirements