

# 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 has to take, 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 SQE1 exams will be in January and July of each year \*

#### 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, with sessions planned for April, July and October in 2022 \*

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

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## BARBRI 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



## BARBRI 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 Learning Coach 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, practise 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 two stages of the Solicitors Qualifying Exam

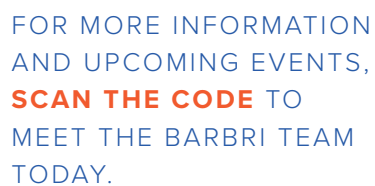


Complete a Minimum Period of Qualifying Legal Work Experience



Satisfy the SRA's Character and Suitability Requirements

Being better prepared starts today



**Take the SQE  
with confidence**

# SQE Routes to qualification



**Please be aware;** it is not possible to book an SQE2 exam place without SQE1 results, unless exempt. BARBRI will allow candidates to commence SQE2 Prep prior to receiving results, however should transfer to a later SQE2 course be required a fee of £999+ VAT will be incurred. Full details can be found in our Terms and Conditions.