

BARBRI Presents: SQE & SQE Exemptions Explained

Prepare for the [Solicitors Qualifying Exam](#) with confidence

Why should you qualify in England & Wales?

Expand your International Legal Career

By becoming a solicitor



Second largest legal market globally - £45 billion annually and growing



Global legal hub:

London is a top international, international legal hub

English law makes up 48% of chosen law in International Arbitration and Cross-Border transactions. Making it the most preferred choice of law.

Expanding Exemption process will only strengthen



English offices are globalizing. Most Vault 100 law firms have offices in London. Fortune 500 and Big 4 Accounting Firms all have major London presence.



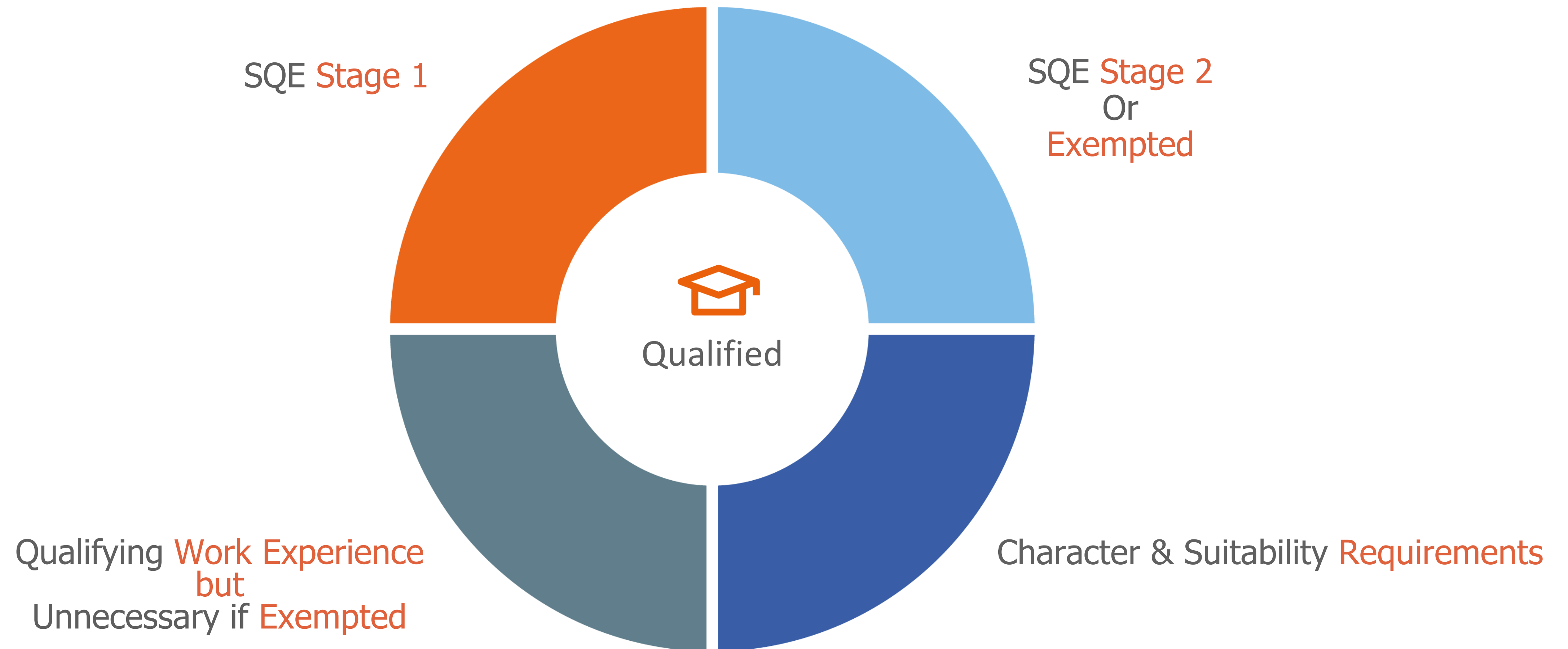
Set Yourself Apart & Broaden Your Network

How do you Qualify as a Solicitor?

SQE Eligibility for Italian Lawyers

- **University Degree Required.** Need not be a law degree. Degree must be equivalent to a level 6 by a recognized degree-awarding body. Typically, an undergraduate degree will satisfy requirement. [SRA Degree Requirements website](#)
- **Italian Avvocatos** are exemption from the SQE 2. [SRA Qualified Lawyers requirements website. Exemptions website.](#)
- **English Language Competency Requirements.** If exempt, must demonstrate English or Welsh language competency for a practise certificate by a degree taught in English equal to Level 6 bachelors degree **or** English/Welsh language assessment. [SRA English language competency website.](#)
- **SQE 1 Exam Locations** all over the world at a [Pearson Vue centre.](#)

The SQE route



Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE)

Key Information



The new route to legal qualification in England & Wales



A two-stage exam assessment:

SQE1 - Mixed subject, multiple choice questions

SQE2 - Legal skills assessment



Many Lawyers from certain countries and jurisdictions are **Exempt** from SQE 2. This means

Only need to complete the Multiple Choice of SQE 1

Can do this at a **Pearson Vue** center in your home country
if it is offered

SQE1 Exam

Key Information

£1,798



Mixed subject, multiple-choice



Two-day exam with **360** questions



Computer-based

SQE1 Exam

What subjects are 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 will pervade

Exemption Workshop



Step 1: Determine your Exemption

Exemptions from the SQE assessments are only available to qualified lawyers which allows practice in an international jurisdiction.

Agreed exemptions exempt international lawyers from certain jurisdictions from SQE2 without proof of practice. This is due to the nature of this jurisdiction's qualification process.

Individual exemptions exempt international lawyers from certain jurisdictions from SQE2 with proof of two-years' legal work experience gained either as part of your qualification or after it (or a combination of these).

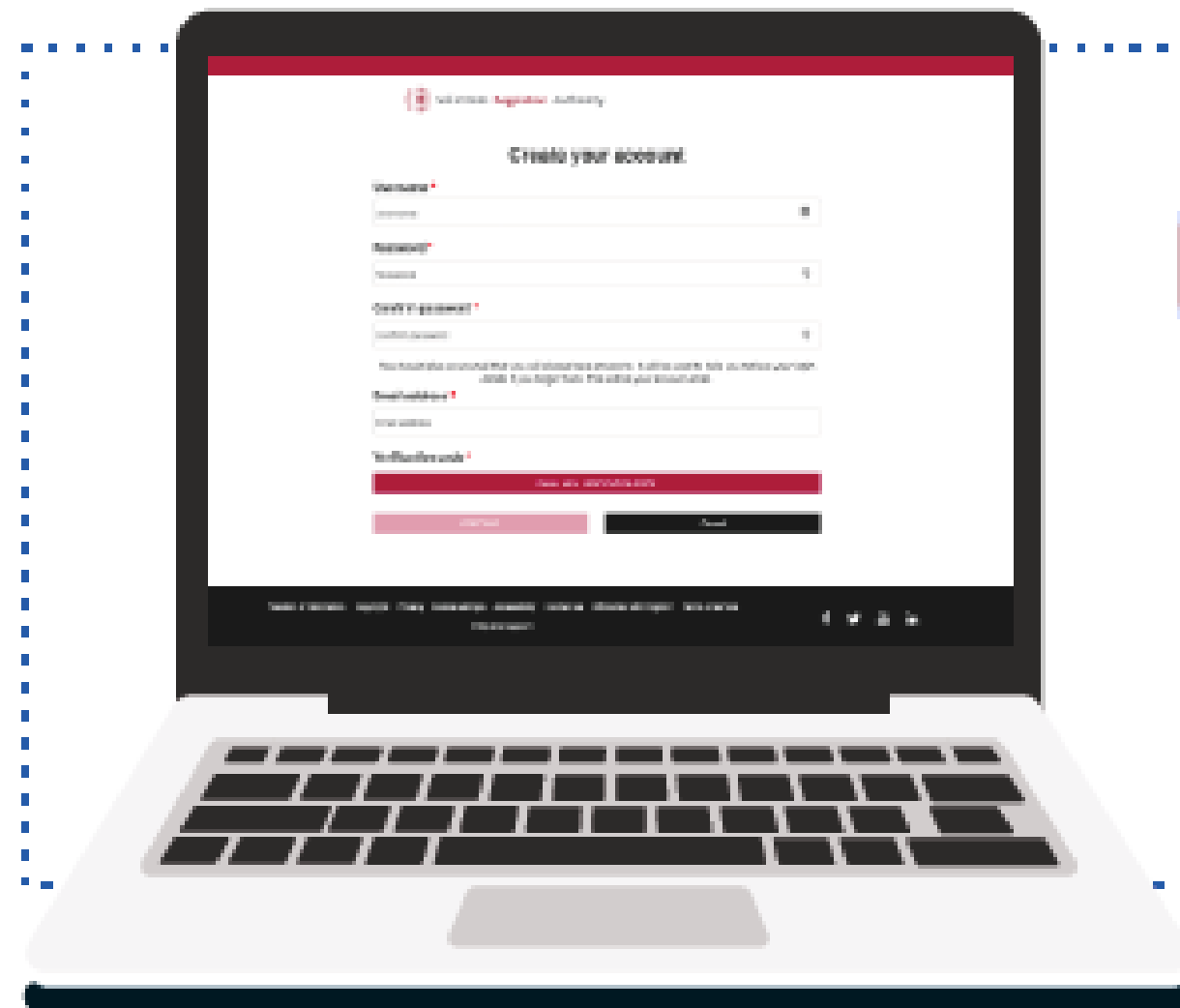
Although you may have an exemption for part of the SQE, you will also need to satisfy the SRA's English language requirements.

Which exemption does your qualifying jurisdiction fall under? Check the [Solicitors Regulation Authority Exemption Website](#).

Individual Exemptions

- Australia
- Canada (British Columbia, Ontario, Saskatchewan)
- Chile
- Cyprus
- Dominican Republic
- Greece
- Hong Kong
- India (Assam, Delhi, Goa, West Bengal)
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Moldova
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Portugal
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- The People's Republic of China
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turkey
- USA (NY, NJ, PA, GE)
- Venezuela
- Zimbabwe

Next Steps:

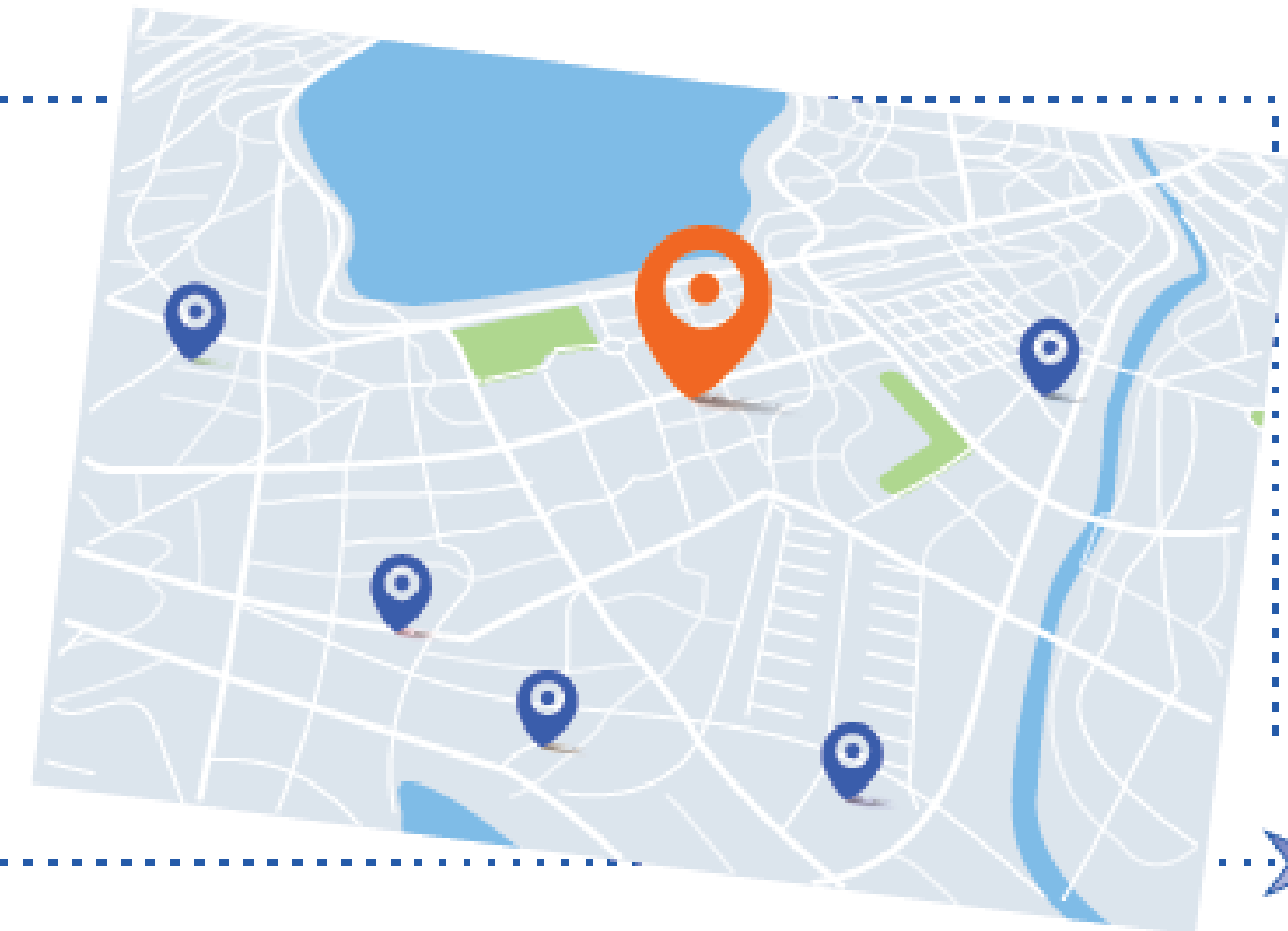


Create an account with the SRA or log in to existing account

You are required to create a [mySRA account](#) that comes with a unique SRA number for identification purposes. You will need this number as you move through the qualification process.

Add your jurisdiction

Within your [mySRA account](#) you will need to add jurisdiction from which you are qualified in. You will need to provide information such as the country, state or territory (if applicable), and date of qualification.

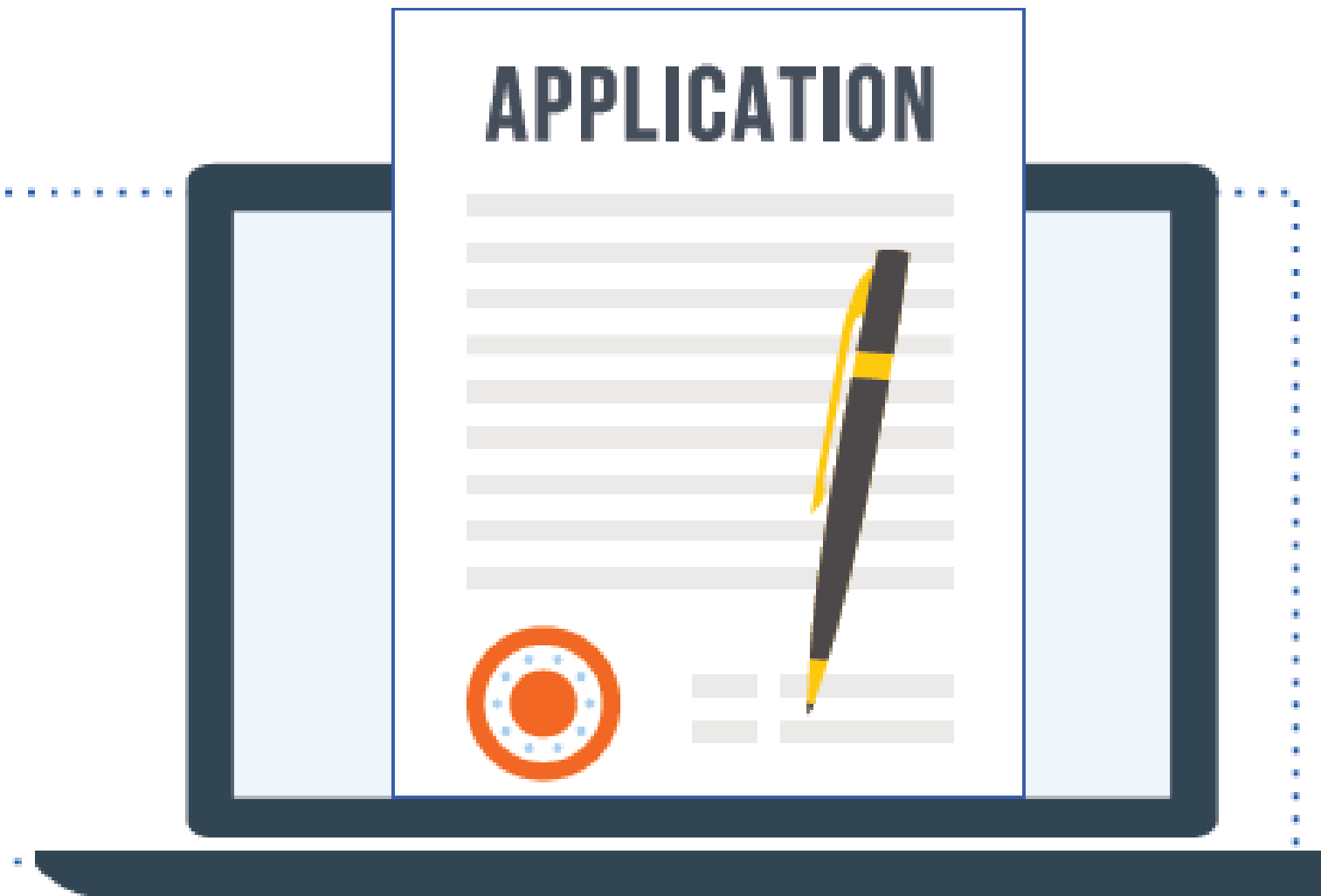


Next Steps:

Start a new application

In your [mySRA account](#), you will need to start a new application and choose the individual application for qualified lawyer exemption.

Read all of the instructions and click **Get Started**.



Download and fill out forms according to instructions

Pay attention to agreed & individual exemptions as the individual exemption candidates will have more form parts to fill out.

Section 1 through 4a for **agreed & individual exemptions**

Section 4b, 7, 8 for **individual exemptions**.

Note: section 8 is only if you have less than two years professional legal work experience.



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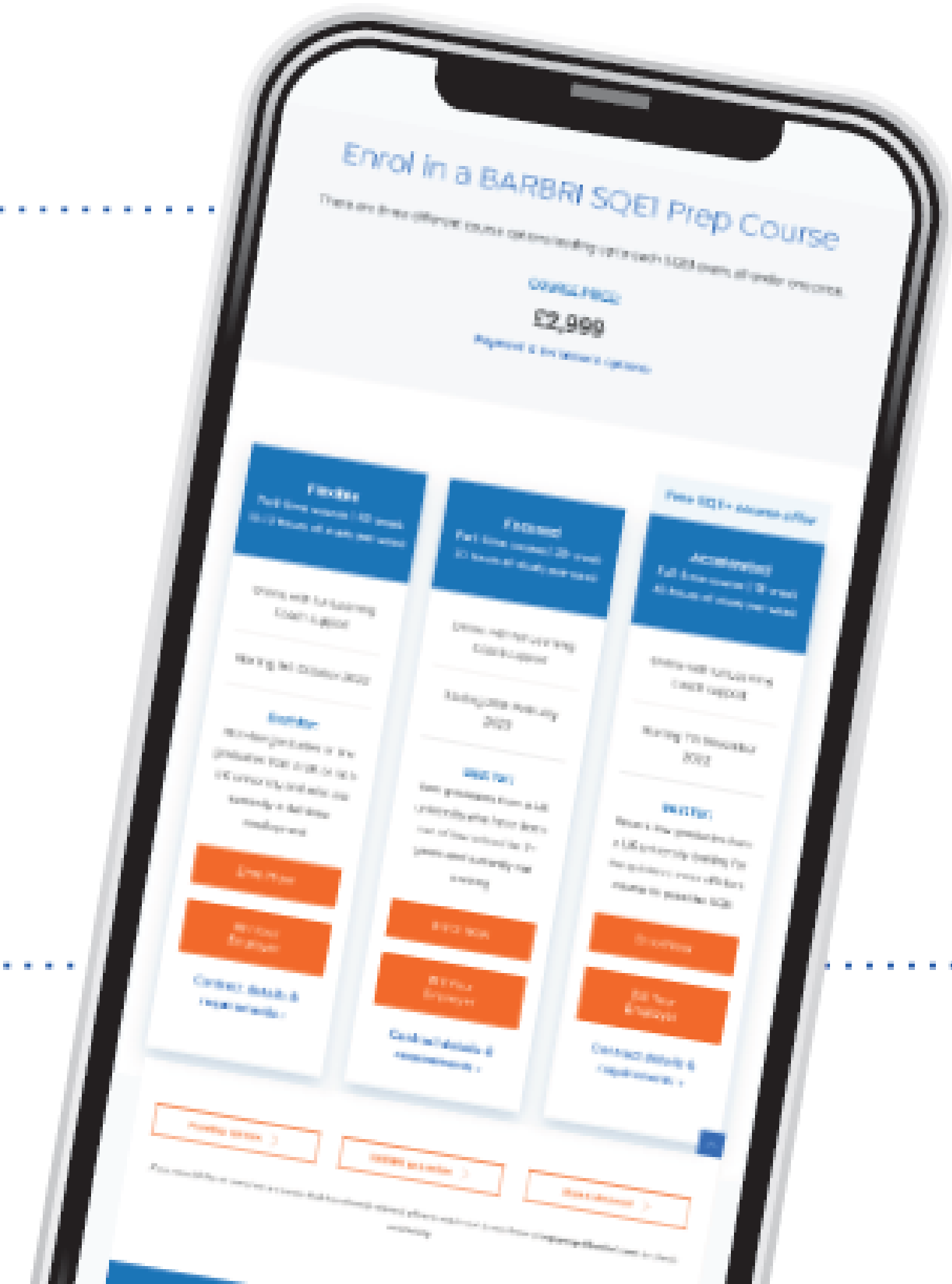
Next Steps:

Course, and book your exam

If you have not yet taken your SQE1 exam, you will want to enroll in a [BARBRI SQE1 Prep course](#), Book your exam.

After results of your SQE1, you will then need to complete:

- [Character & suitability](#)
- [Admission to the roll of solicitors](#)



English Competency (for Exempt Lawyers)

Key Information



You may need to demonstrate your English language competence if you are an exempt lawyer and applying for a practise certificate



This takes place after you are admitted as a solicitor and before you apply for your first practising.



How to Demonstrate:

Passed an English language assessment

Degree taught in English and equivalent to a UK Level 6 (University)

Degree equivalent to a UK Level 6 (University) from a university recognized by ENIC-NARIC

where all higher education takes place in English; OR

Degree equivalent to a UK Level 6 (University) from a Government recognized UK Univ

Why choose **BARBRI** for
your preparation?

SQE Prep Courses

Designed for:



Graduates/ lawyers
qualified abroad



Law graduates



Non-law
graduates



Candidates with other
full time or part-time
commitments

BARBRI SQE Prep Courses

Key Features



Personal Study Plan (PSP)



Multiple-choice exam expertise



Intuitive Study Assistant and Coach (ISAAC)



Bespoke hard copy resource books



1:1 personal Learning Coach



Prep for Success workshops



Top law tutors & lectures

In preparation for SQE 1

Recommended for Full-Time Lawyers

Flexible
40-week **course**

10-12 hours/week

Best for:

- Non-law graduates
- Anyone in full-time employment
- Foreign-qualified lawyers

Focused
20-week **course**

20 hours/week

Best for:

- Law graduates from a UK university or Intl lawyers
- Graduated 3+ years ago

Accelerated
10-week **course**

35 hours/week

Best for:

- Recent law graduates
- Graduates from a UK university

SQE's Personal Study Plan

14 Jan

298	1.5	2.3
days until exam	hours of work completed today	total hours of work completed

1.1 Estimated average hours per day in order to complete your Personal Study Plan prior to the examination

Start Studying >

“It's not about being the best. It's about being better than you were yesterday.”

Anonymous

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What our **students** say...

“

I was particularly impressed by the availability of the tutors, and the study guides. The workbooks were straight to the point, without overloading us with too much information. I very much enjoyed studying with BARBRI.

Severine Smyth
BARBRI SQE Prep candidate

“

I've really enjoyed working with BARBRI and have found the service very easy to use and helpful.

Rebekka Hayles
BARBRI SQE Prep candidate

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Fees & Enrolment

SQE1 Prep courses

£2,999

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Any Questions?

APPENDIX



SQE2 Exam

Legal Skills Assessment

£2,766



Available after passing SQE1



Subjects covered:

- Client interviewing
- Advocacy
- Case analysis
- Legal research, writing and drafting



In preparation for **SQE2**

Recommended for International Lawyers

20-week **course**

10-15 hours/week

Best for:

- Candidates who have sat and passed SQE1/QLTS MCT
- LPC graduates who are exempt from SQE1

10-week **course**

15-20 hours/week

Best for:

- Candidates who are ready to study full-time
- Not suitable for students who are not BARBRI SQE1 Prep alumni