

Law clinics and qualifying work experience

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Qualifying work experience - why



Helps candidates develop the competences required to practise as solicitor



Flexibility for candidates and those providing opportunities

Qualifying work experience - what



Any experience that offers the opportunity to develop the prescribed competences



At least two years' full time or equivalent

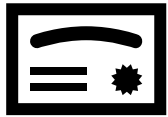


Can be gained in one block of time or in stages (in up to four roles)

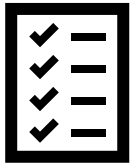
Qualifying work experience - when



Before, during or after a candidate sits the SQE assessments



But must be completed by the time they apply for admission



Could even start gaining it now and 'banking' it

Who can sign off qualifying work experience



A solicitor - but they do not have to hold a practicing certificate



If no solicitor in the organisation, a solicitor who has direct experience of the candidate's work

What is signed off



The details of the work experience carried out



That it provided the opportunity to develop some (or all) of the prescribed competences for solicitors



No character and suitability issues



Not signing off that a candidate is competent

Support available



Information on our website – sra.org.uk/sqe



More information available in spring 2020

Exercise 1 (10 mins)

What do you need to do to be able to offer
qualifying work experience ?

Exercise 2 (10 mins)

What information do you and candidates need?

What should this information look like?