



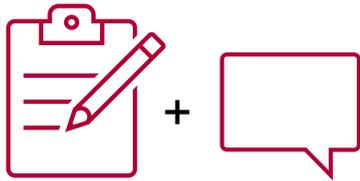
# The SQE2 assessment

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# What is the SQE?



- Two parts to SQE:
- SQE1 – Test of functioning legal knowledge
- SQE2 – Practical legal skills assessments
- You must pass SQE1 before you can attempt SQE2



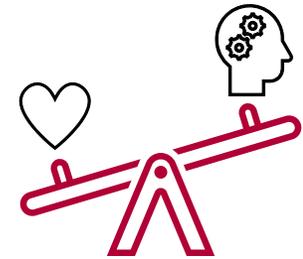
16 written and oral tests - 14 hours in total



Simulating tasks carried out by a day one solicitor in practice



Tests practical legal skills and application of law equally



Unflagged ethics questions throughout



### **Six** skills assessed

- Client interviewing and attendance note
- Advocacy
- Case and matter analysis
- Legal research
- Legal writing
- Legal drafting



### Across **five** contexts

- Criminal Litigation
- Dispute Resolution
- Property Practice
- Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice
- Business organisation rules and procedures

- Four assessment tasks over two half-days:

Day 1	Day 2
Advocacy (Dispute Resolution)	Advocacy (Criminal Litigation)
Interview and attendance note/legal analysis (Property Practice)	Interview and attendance note/legal analysis (Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice)

- 12 assessment tasks over three half-days

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Case and matter analysis x1	Case and matter analysis x1	Case and matter analysis x1
Legal drafting x1	Legal drafting x1	Legal drafting x1
Legal research x1	Legal research x1	Legal research x1
Legal writing x1	Legal writing x1	Legal writing x1
Two of these exercises will be in the context of Dispute Resolution and two will be in the context of Criminal Litigation	Two of these exercises will be in the context of Property Practice and two will be in the context of Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice	Candidates will sit all assessments in the context of Business Organisations, Rules and Procedures

# How is SQE2 marked

- For each assessment task candidates are marked according to the assessment criteria for that task
- Marks for each station are added together to get the candidate's total mark
- In order to pass candidates must obtain the overall pass mark for SQE2
- The overall pass mark is set at the level of a just competent day one newly qualified solicitor

# SQE2 sample questions

- Visit [sra.org.uk/sqe2-sample-questions](https://sra.org.uk/sqe2-sample-questions)
- Read in conjunction with the assessment specification
- Contain:
  - Question and additional candidate papers
  - Discussion of answer
- Give an indication of the type of tasks. Do not represent all the material that will be covered. Future questions may not take exactly the same format.

# Preparing for SQE2

- We don't specify particular preparation. But work experience, training or a combination of the two can help.
- Qualifying work experience can be obtained in any legal sector or practice area: important to focus on the skills you are developing. Check against the Statement of Solicitor Competence
- If you work in an area not assessed in SQE2, you may wish to take top up training to refresh your legal knowledge or understand how the skills apply in those contexts

# Where is the detail?

- SQE2 Assessment Specification
- SQE2 sample questions

Visit [sra.org.uk/sqe2-assessment](https://sra.org.uk/sqe2-assessment)

Watch [sra.org.uk/sqe-conference-2020](https://sra.org.uk/sqe-conference-2020)

# Sitting SQE2



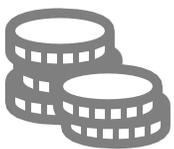
First sitting April 2022. Two sittings per year – will grow to meet demand



Written tests – available in England and Wales, wider UK and internationally at Pearson VUE centres

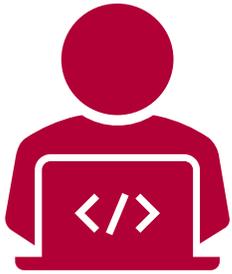


Oral skills – available in London, Manchester and Cardiff; expanding to five centres over time



Assessment fee - £2,422

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