

## Qualifying work experience - answers to common queries

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Everyone looking to qualify through the SQE route will need to complete at least two years' work experience after 1 September 2021.

Qualifying work experience (QWE) is any experience of providing legal services that offers someone the opportunity to develop some or all of the competences needed to practise as a solicitor. It must be signed off by a solicitor or compliance officer for legal practice.

The majority of this session covers answers to common queries about QWE such as:

- What counts as QWE?
- What signing off and confirming QWE means?
- The latest guidance available for employers and candidates
- Answers to common questions.





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<u>Meeting our standards for good qualifying work experience</u>
[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/meeting-standards-good-qualifying-work-experience/]

<u>Qualifying work experience training record [https://www.sra.org.uk/becomesolicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/registering-qualifying-work-experience/]</u>

Solicitors Qualifying Examination [https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/]

<u>Getting the best out of your qualifying work experience</u>
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<u>Qualifying work experience - what law firms need to know</u> [https://www.sra.org.uk/news/events/on-demand-events/qualifying-work-experience-law-firms/]

<u>SQE conference 2020 - Qualifying work experience</u> [https://www.sra.org.uk/news/events/on-demand-events/sge-conference-2020/#heading 4eb0]

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