

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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