

## **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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[Solicitors and Compliance Officers for Legal Practice \(COLPs\) confirming qualifying work experience](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/colps-confirming-qualifying-work-experience/) [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/colps-confirming-qualifying-work-experience/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/colps-confirming-qualifying-work-experience/)

[Meeting our standards for good qualifying work experience](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/meeting-standards-good-qualifying-work-experience/) [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/meeting-standards-good-qualifying-work-experience/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/meeting-standards-good-qualifying-work-experience/)

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[SQE conference 2020 - Qualifying work experience](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/sqe-conference-2020/#heading_4eb0) [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/sqe-conference-2020/#heading\\_4eb0\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/sqe-conference-2020/#heading_4eb0)

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[Transitional arrangements for students, graduates and trainees](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/transitional-arrangements/) [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/transitional-arrangements/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/transitional-arrangements/)

[The SQE2 assessment](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/the-sqe2-assessment/) [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/the-sqe2-assessment/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/the-sqe2-assessment/)