

SQE Update - August 2024

In this bulletin, find out about how to register for the next SQE1 assessment, taking the SQE in Welsh, SQE candidate experiences and SQE training providers and courses. You can also book for our qualified lawyer webinar on how to cross qualify in England and Wales.

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Registering to take the next SQE1 assessment

To take the SQE1 in January 2025, candidates will need to complete a form to reserve a seat. To do this, you first need to be registered to sit the SQE.

Here are the steps you need to take:

1. Register for an SQE account.
2. Complete the pre-booking steps.
3. Complete the seat reservation form emailed to you when available.

Kaplan, our assessment provider, will then allocate you a seat in line with your preferences. If it's not possible to offer you your first choice of location and/or date, Kaplan will allocate you a seat as close as possible. It allocates seats in order in which it received completed seat reservation forms.

If you need a reasonable adjustment, you should make the request as early as possible as part of your pre-booking steps.

[Find out how to register \[https://sqe.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking\]](https://sqe.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking)

SQE results out in August and September

Results for the SQE2 sitting in April will be released on 28 August 2024. Candidates who took the assessment will receive an email after 11.00 with a link to access their results via their candidate account. The statistical report for this sitting will be published later that day on the [SQE reports page \[https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/sqe-reports\]](https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/sqe-reports).

Then the results for the most recent SQE1 sitting will be out on 10 September 2024. Again, candidates who took the assessment will receive an email. The statistical report for this sitting will be published a few weeks later. Find out more about what information is included in a



[candidate's SQA1 results \[https://sqa.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/results-and-resits/understanding-sqa1-results\]](https://sqa.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/results-and-resits/understanding-sqa1-results).

Taking the SQA in Welsh

Candidates intending to take an SQA1 or SQA2 assessment in Welsh need to give advance notice to be able to do so. You can find the deadlines and the form you would need to complete on the SQA website.

[Read more about sitting the SQA in Welsh \[https://sqa.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/assessment-information/welsh\]](https://sqa.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/assessment-information/welsh)

Taking the SQA2 in October 2024

Bookings for the SQA2 sitting in October are now underway. This means eligible candidates have already been asked for the seat preferences, and Kaplan is currently working on this. From 13 August, candidates will see the seat reserved for them in their candidate account, unless they have requested a reasonable adjustment. They then need to pay to complete their booking by 17.00 on 16 August.

For candidates waiting their SQA1 results from July, they will be contacted about their seat preference and will then have until 20 September at 17.00 to pay.

[Find out more about booking SQA2 in October 2024 \[https://sqa.sra.org.uk/news-item/2024/06/19/important-update-regarding-the-october-sqa2-booking-process\]](https://sqa.sra.org.uk/news-item/2024/06/19/important-update-regarding-the-october-sqa2-booking-process)

Sitting the SQA in 2025

All dates relating to the SQA sittings in January, April and July 2025 are now available on the SQA website. There will be two sittings of SQA1 and four sittings for SQA2 during 2025.

[Find out the dates \[https://sqa.sra.org.uk/about-sqa/what-is-the-sqa/timings\]](https://sqa.sra.org.uk/about-sqa/what-is-the-sqa/timings)

SQA candidate experiences

Read about the experiences of two candidates who have taken the SQA. These provide helpful insight into how they prepared, how challenging they found the exam, and their advice and top tips. Further case studies will be added when available.

[Read the case studies \[https://sqa.sra.org.uk/news-item/2024/06/17/candidate-case-studies\]](https://sqa.sra.org.uk/news-item/2024/06/17/candidate-case-studies)

SQA candidate confidentiality policy



Kaplan is reminding candidates of the confidentiality policy and expected standard of behaviour for SQE candidates. Find out more about the policy, guidance on what could be a breach of the policy and sources of information for candidates preparing to take the SQE.

[Read the latest on the policy \[https://sqa.sra.org.uk/news-item/2024/08/02/candidate-confidentiality-and-behaviour\]](https://sqa.sra.org.uk/news-item/2024/08/02/candidate-confidentiality-and-behaviour)

SQE training providers list and course information

Don't forget, our SQE training providers list includes course and training information. This might be useful for candidates considering what training they wish to do before sitting the exams.

[Take a look at the training provider list \[https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/training-provider-list/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/training-provider-list/)

Get involved

Qualified lawyers: How to cross qualify as a solicitor (webinar)

Date: Thursday 5 September

Time: 12.30 - 13.15

Speakers:

- Maxine Warr, Head of Education and Training, SRA (Chair)
- Monira Bibi, Authorisation Officer, SRA
- Tim Pearce, Policy Officer, SRA
- Chris Young, Policy Manager, SRA

Are you an overseas or UK qualified lawyer looking to also qualify a solicitor of England and Wales? Our free webinar gives you the facts on what qualified lawyers will need to do to become a solicitor.

[Book now \[https://events.sra.org.uk/sra/702/home\]](https://events.sra.org.uk/sra/702/home)

Other ways to get involved

Join our [LinkedIn reference group \[https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8548868/\]](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8548868/). It will help you keep up to date with the latest SQE developments and opportunities to get involved in our surveys and events.

If you are thinking about taking the SQE, or know someone who is, please follow [Career in Law \[https://www.facebook.com/careerinlaw\]](https://www.facebook.com/careerinlaw) for the latest

information aimed at aspiring solicitors.

If you have any questions, or want more information on how you can get involved, [contact us](https://www.sra.org.uk/home/contact-us/) [<https://www.sra.org.uk/home/contact-us/>].

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