

#### Substitute QWE and SQE2 as an equivalent to a period of recognised training application

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You can only qualify through this route if you meet our <u>transitional</u> <u>requirements [https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-</u> <u>route/becoming-solicitor-legal-practice-course-transitional-requirements/]</u>. If you do not meet these, you will need to qualify under the full <u>SQE route</u> [https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/].

# Who can apply

This is for individuals who have either started or passed the Legal Practice Course (LPC).

### How to apply

Only complete this application if you want to use <u>qualifying\_work</u> <u>experience [https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experiencecandidates/]</u> (QWE) and the <u>SQE2 [https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-</u> <u>arrangements/assessment-information/sqe2-assessment-specification]</u> assessment as an equivalent to a period of recognised training (training contract).

To do this, you must then:

- pass the LPC. You will be asked for your LPC certificate/transcript when you apply to become a solicitor
- record two years' full-time or equivalent QWE. <u>Find out how to do</u> <u>this [https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-</u> <u>candidates/registering-qualifying-work-experience/</u>]
- pass the SQE2. Find out more about the <u>exam</u> [<u>https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/the-assessment-day]</u> and what it <u>costs [https://sqe.sra.org.uk/about-sqe/costs-and-fees]</u>.

You do not need to:

- sit SQE1
- complete a period of recognised training (training contract)
- take the Professional Skills Course
- validate your degree.

You will be admitted as a solicitor under the LPC route, not the SQE route.

#### Fee



There is no fee for this application.

However, you will need to pay to sit the SQE2 assessment.

### What next

- If you already have qualifying work experience, you can record it.
- You will need to register for an <u>SQE account</u> [https://sqe.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking] in order to take SQE2. We suggest you wait at least 10-15 minutes after submitting this form before you set up your SQE account.

## Apply now

When you are ready to apply, the link below will take you to mySRA login page. You will find the application in 'Start a new application' and 'Individual applications'. It is called 'Notify us of using QWE and SQE2 as an equivalent to a period of recognised training '.

Log in to mySRA now

[https://www.sra.org.uk/link/93f017776e78490eac32edeb8f5a63e0.aspx]