

# Qualified lawyers - qualifying as a solicitor

- Hold a legal qualification which allows you to practise in the UK or an international jurisdiction
- Degree or other level 6 qualification
- Pass SQE1 and SQE2 assessments
- Meet our character and suitability requirements
- NB – no requirement for work experience

- Two parts to SQE1
  - Functioning Legal Knowledge (FLK) 1
  - Functioning Legal Knowledge (FLK) 2
- Identifying legal principles and applying them to client problems and transactions
- Taken over two days – can be done in UK or international centres
- Cost - £1,558

- Tests practical legal skills and functioning legal knowledge equally
- Simulating tasks carried out by a solicitor in practice through written and oral tests
- Written – UK and international centres
- Oral – UK centres (Cardiff, Manchester and London)
- Cost - £2,422

# Practice rights

- Conduct criminal litigation (including advising clients at the police station)
- Conduct civil litigation/dispute resolution
- Property practice
- Wills and intestacy, probate administration and practice
- Business organisations rules and procedures

# SQE1 exemption

## Content

- Starting point is the statements of law and knowledge set out in the SQE1 assessment specification

[sqa.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements](https://sqa.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements)

# SQE1 exemption

## Standard

- Qualification is assessed at a standard equivalent to the Level 3 in our threshold standard, for example:
  - can identify legal principles relevant to the matter/transaction and can apply these appropriately and effectively to individual cases
  - progress matters using own judgement
  - works to an acceptable standard on straightforward tasks
  - understands the significance of individual actions in the context of the case or matter

[sra.org.uk/threshold](https://sra.org.uk/threshold)

# Top tips for SQE exemptions

- Read the guidance - [sra.org.uk/exemption-form](https://sra.org.uk/exemption-form)
- Read the application form in mySRA - [sra.org.uk/mysra](https://sra.org.uk/mysra)
- Consider what the SQE is assessing and what the application is asking for
- Give specific examples in your evidence and avoid repetition

# Top tips for SQE exemptions

- All your work experience must be supported by a reference that meets our requirements
- Certificate of good standing for your referee if they are not SRA regulated
- Make sure everything you are providing is relevant to the application



# QLTS transitional arrangements

- SQE has replaced QLTS
- Not passed the MCT? You will need to complete the SQE route
- Passed the MCT? You can take the OSCE or SQE2
  - Pass the OSCE, you must apply for admission by 31 August 2022
  - Pass the SQE2, you must apply for admission by 31 August 2023
- If you do not apply by the deadline, you will have to complete the SQE route

# Where is the detail?

- SQE1 Assessment Specification and sample questions
- SQE2 Assessment Specification and sample questions

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