

barbri SQE Prep



QUALIFIED OVERSEAS LAWYER PROSPECTUS

# Take your career to a global level

Qualify as a solicitor in England & Wales to open doors to  
doing business with the world, wherever you live.





# Qualify as a solicitor in England & Wales to globalise your career.



If you're ready to expand your legal career, wherever you are in the world, dual qualification could be the answer.

International operations have become ingrained in legal practice, especially in commercial law, and it's common for international matters to be handled in the English and Welsh legal system. Qualifying to practise as a solicitor in England and Wales offers you the opportunity to participate in international arbitration and handle global corporate contracts for your local clients. It also presents a pathway to diversify

and expand your firm's client base, opening up exciting new avenues for business growth.

Embracing dual qualification also expands your horizons and gives your career a competitive edge, significantly supporting your professional growth.

As you consider this exciting path to dual qualification, BARBRI is here to help you make the most of this journey, offering exam preparation, learning coaches, and support every step of the way.

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# SQE: The route to qualification in England

The Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) is an exam developed by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) for people looking to become a registered solicitor in England and Wales.

The SQE pathway was introduced in 2021 and is replacing the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme (QLTS) as the main route.

For qualified overseas lawyers to dual qualify, you wouldn't need to complete the whole journey, which normally comprises the SQE1 and SQE2, two years of Qualifying Work Experience (QWE) and character and suitability checks as set out by the SRA, which include checking for a criminal record and bad credit.

All overseas qualified lawyers are automatically exempt from Qualifying Work Experience, and you may additionally be eligible for exemption from the SQE1 or SQE2 exams. So your route to qualification will include:

- Proving your proficiency in the English or Welsh language (CEFR Level C2) to the SRA to ensure you have a fair chance during the assessments
- The SQE1, the SQE2 (unless exempt from one)
- Applying to be admitted on the roll of solicitors: which entitles you to practice as a solicitor.

You can prepare for the exams from home and sit the SQE1 assessment, plus the written part of the SQE2 assessment, in your nearest PearsonVUE centre. It's only for the oral SQE2 assessment that you would need to travel to the UK.

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# How SQE exemptions work

The SRA grants exemptions from the SQE1 or SQE2 to qualified lawyers based on your qualifications, jurisdiction and experience. To apply for an exemption, you need to **register with the SRA** and follow the prompts to supply all relevant information.

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## SQE2 EXEMPTION

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Specific legal qualifications or titles from particular countries, that meet the SRA's requirements, qualify for an agreed exemption from the SQE2 exam. This means applications from lawyers with these qualifications or titles will be eligible for the SQE2 Exemption. For a detailed list of countries and more information on exemptions and how to apply, please check the [SRA website](#).

[Download Exemption Checklist](#)





# How long does it take to become dual-qualified with the SQE?

The SQE route is highly flexible, with several exam sessions throughout the year. To familiarise yourself with English and Welsh law and give yourself the best chance of passing the first time, we highly recommend a bridging course like BARBRI's Foundations in Law, a 6-week online course, plus BARBRI's SQE1 Prep 40-week course

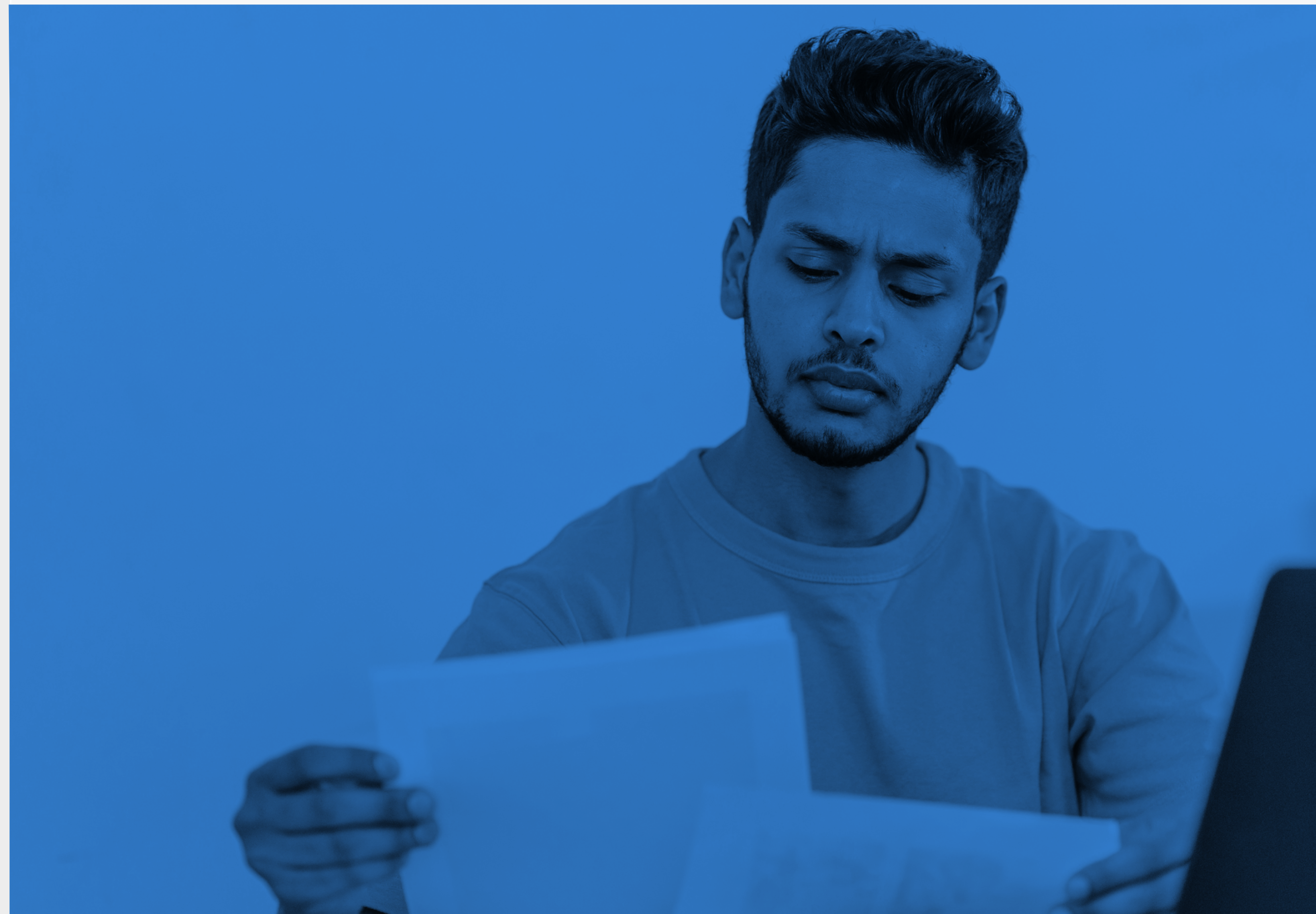
and the SQE2 Prep 20-week course.

The fastest route to qualification, without any SQE exemptions, will take roughly 18 to 27 months to complete if you factor in appropriate time to prepare for each assessment.

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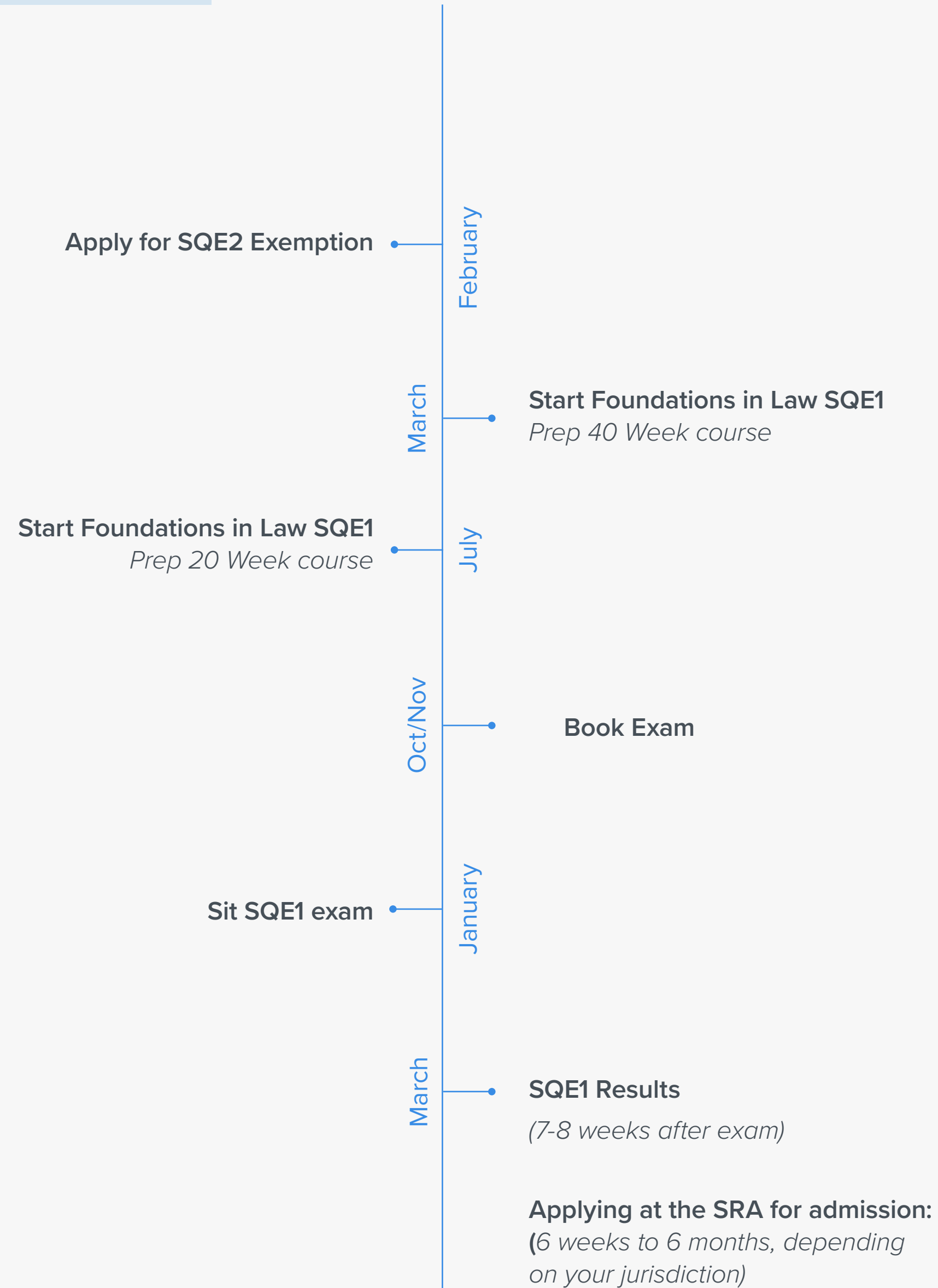
*Applying for exemptions may add 6 months to the start of the journey if your qualification isn't on the pre-agreed list but will cut down on the overall time if successful.*

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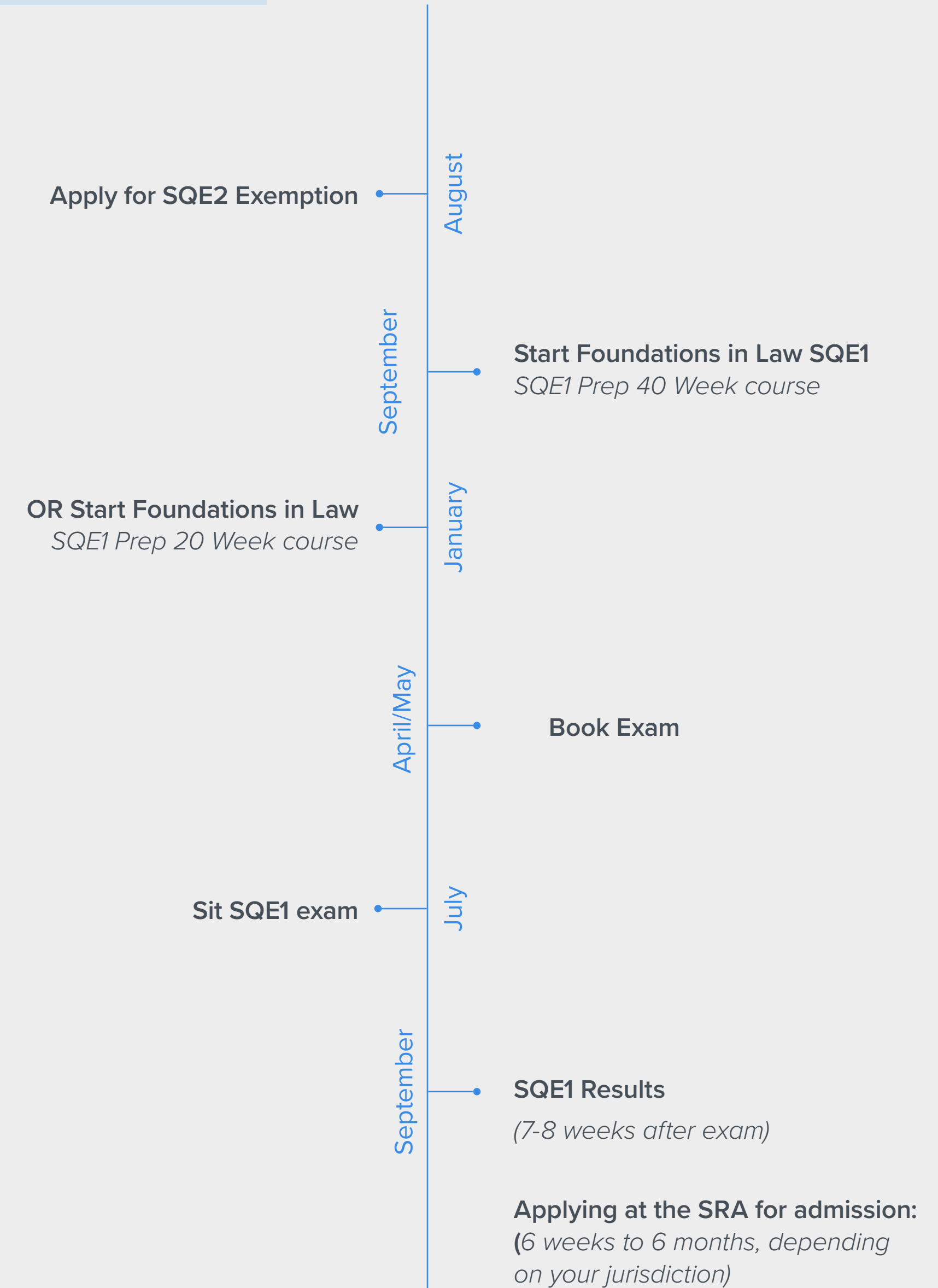




## SQE1 EXAM IN JANUARY



## SQE1 EXAM IN JULY





# The SQE exams explained

## THE SQE1

**What:** A computer-based multiple-choice exam with 360 questions spread over 2 days, testing your functioning legal knowledge (FLK) of the England and Wales legal system. The exam provider is Kaplan.

**Where:** The tests can be sat worldwide. Look for your nearest **Pearson VUE test centre** here (but note, you have to book for the exam via your SQE account).

**When:** Assessments happen during January and July each year. **See dates and booking timings here.**

### Subjects Tested

- Business Law and Practice (including taxation)
- Dispute Resolution
- Contract
- Tort
- The Legal System of England and Wales
- Constitutional and Administrative Law and EU Law
- Legal Services
- Property Practice (including taxation)
- Wills and the Administration of Estates (including taxation)
- Solicitors' Accounts
- Land Law
- Trusts
- Criminal Law and Practice

## THE SQE2

**What:** A skills-based examination of 16 written and oral skills assessments.

**Where:** The written elements of the exam can be sat worldwide. Look for your nearest **Pearson VUE exam centre here**, but you have to book for the exam via your SQE account.

The oral elements must be taken in person in England (London, Manchester or Birmingham) or Wales (Cardiff). See the exact **locations here.**

**When:** SQE2 assessments happen during January, April, July and October each year. **Click here** for dates and **booking timings.**

### Skills Tested

- Client interviewing (and attendance note)
- Advocacy
- Case and matter analysis
- Legal research and written advice
- Legal writing
- Legal drafting

### Subjects Tested

- Criminal Litigation (including advising clients at the police station)
- Dispute Resolution
- Property Practice
- Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice
- Business Organisations, Rules and Procedures (including money laundering and financial services)

*\*Ethics & professional conduct will be examined throughout.*





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“Trust BARBRI, they know what they are doing. I studied for SQE1 with BARBRI and the Personal Study Plan (PSP) they have put in place is just exceptional. Half the burden of studying law is to plan for it, and with BARBRI this is done for you, so all you need to do is to commit, and stick to the plan”

**ALI YAACOUB** Beirut Lebanon



# BARBRI's SQE Preparation Courses

## FOUNDATIONS IN LAW

BARBRI Foundations in Law is an online course designed to help you familiarise yourself with the study of law in England and Wales and to build confidence.

It runs for 6 weeks, requires 10 hours of study per week, and covers the legal system of England & Wales, legal research, and core legal terms, concepts and areas of practice.

### What's included:

- Online study guide
- Short, interactive video lectures
- Interactive online exercises
- Online pre-recorded, interactive workshops
- Self-review practice questions
- Westlaw access

**COST: £499**

Find out more here: [Foundations in Law](#)



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# SQE1 Prep course

Our Flexible SQE1 Prep courses are offered twice a year leading into the scheduled examinations. It helps you to build knowledge in different areas of English and Welsh law, and also trains you in the nuanced way in which the SQE multiple-choice exams works, where every answer could be plausible but one answer is the most appropriate.

## What's included:

- Our intelligent online learning management system
- Your Personal Study Plan (PSP)
- Full 1:1 learning coach support
- Face-to-face workshops
- A set of hard copy resource materials
- 3,000+ practice multiple-choice questions
- Several practice exams
- A full, realistic mock exam before you sit the actual SQE1

## We suggest:

- **Option 1: The Flexible SQE1 Prep 40-week course**, spreading out the 400 total hours of study over 40 weeks, with a time commitment of 10-12 hours per week. This allows you enough time to embed the knowledge and to schedule learning around work and other commitments.
- **Option 2: The Focused SQE1 Prep 20-week course**, designed for international lawyers who work part time, or international law students, who have 20 hours to study per week - we do not recommend juggling a full-time job with this course option



**COST: £2,999**

[Learn more about our SQE1 Prep course](#)



# SQE2 Prep course

BARBRI's SQE2 Prep courses run over 20 weeks (focused) or 10 weeks (accelerated), and focus on helping you gain and hone the practical skills you'll need in the legal profession.

What's included:

- All SQE2 learning materials
- Online study guide
- Diagnostic assessment to identify knowledge gaps
- Skills lectures by experienced solicitors, available on demand
- BARBRI workbooks
- Interactive scaffolding activities to master each skill
- Self-practice activities
- Personalised feedback activities
- Mock exams with personal feedback
- Workshops, strategy sessions and drop-in days to meet your mentors

**COST: £3,499**

(or £2,999 with SQE1 alumni discount)

[Learn more about our SQE2 Prep programme](#)

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# What makes BARBRI different?



## 50+ years of experience

In the U.S., BARBRI is a household name. And we're fast making our mark in the UK too, using the same legal expertise and tech to help students prepare for the SQE exams.



## Expert faculty

Our tutors are qualified solicitors and barristers with years of legal education experience, and our course material updates regularly to reflect the latest judgments and legal developments. You're in excellent hands!



## Flexibility

Our prep courses are designed to be fully online. Your Personalised Study Plan (PSP) will work out modules of different time lengths for you to complete, so you can earn while you learn.

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# BARBRI's SQE funding options

While the SQE exam is improving access to the legal profession, most people are not able to fully self-fund their studies. We know how stressful and expensive studying can be so we have developed a funding initiative called BARBRI Bridges to give more people a chance at SQE success, whatever their personal circumstances.

## Download our funding guides

[SQE1 Funding Guide](#)[SQE2 Funding Guide](#)

### Bill your employer

If your employer agrees to sponsor your studies, we'll invoice your them directly.

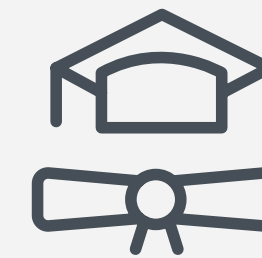
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### Flexible payment plans

We have an instalment plan where you pay a small deposit and monthly payments in a pre-agreed schedule.

[Find out more](#)



### SQE Scholarships

We offer several funding prizes through our BARBRI essay competitions, plus discounts for refugees and public sector workers.

[Find out more](#)



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Get started with your dual-qualification today.  
Speak to our student advisors or enrol now.

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