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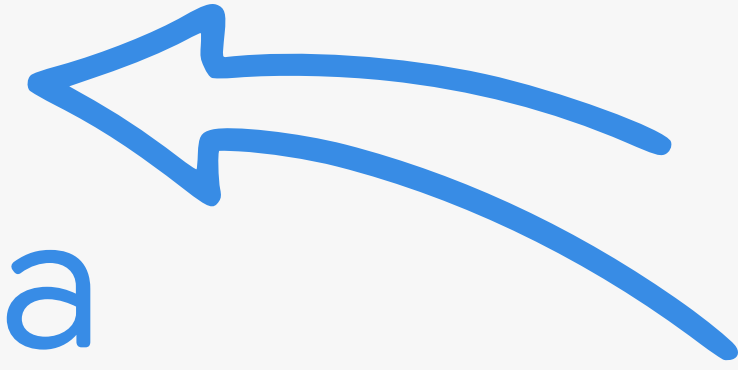
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BARBRI has maintained the trust of legal students and lawyers for over 50 years, helping more than 1.435 million students succeed in their legal exams across the globe. [\(Curious? Read more about BARBRI here.\)](#)

But we're not just an educator, we're on a mission: We want to make the legal profession a fairer one. We want to break down the traditional barriers of cost and exclusivity around becoming a solicitor. We want to develop lawyers who reflect the people they serve.

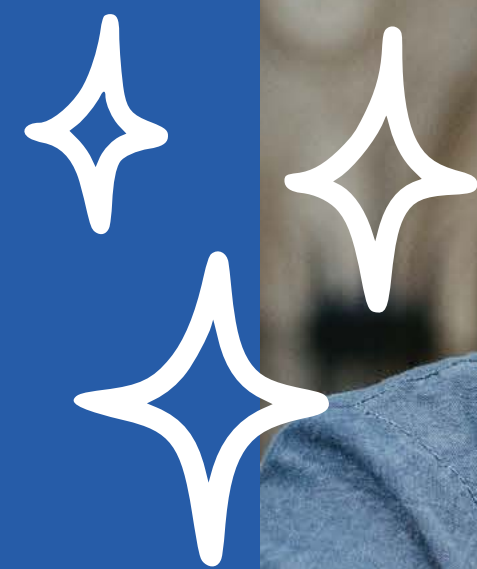
That's why we're excited about the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) – the new way to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales. It allows people from all backgrounds, universities and degrees to follow their dreams, without having to compete for a training contract.

Our SQE preparation courses combine our advanced legal expertise, exceptional one-to-one student support and an intelligent online learning platform that breaks the content into your own Personal Study Plan (PSP) – bite-sized

modules that you can fit around your other commitments, enabling you to earn while you learn.

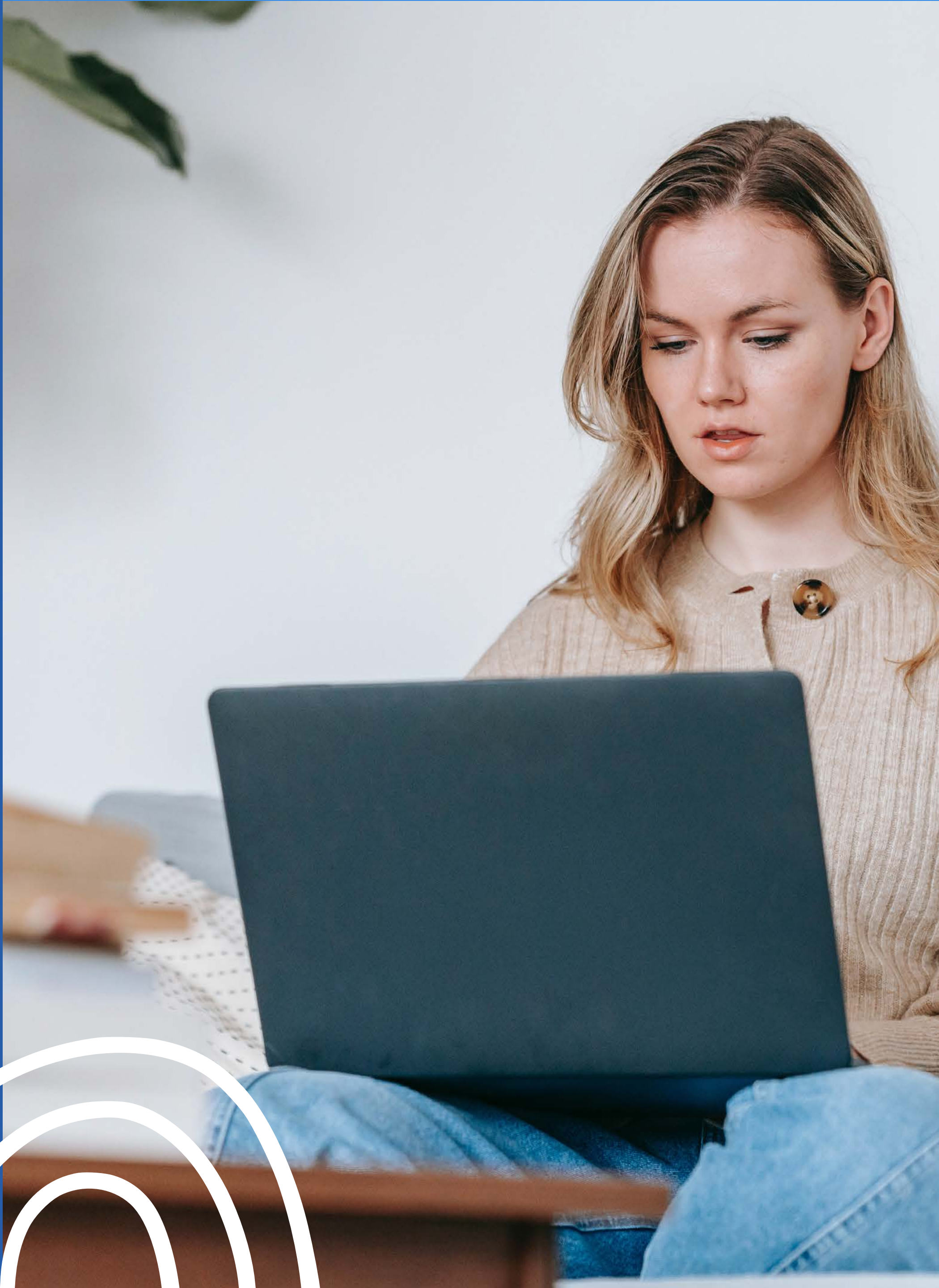
Add to that BARBRI SQE Prep's **superior pass rates, affordable pricing, flexible payment options**, in-depth **career support** and a nod of **approval from top UK firms** and corporations, and you'll soon see why everyone loves BARBRI.

**Are you excited about your future? We are!**



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# SQE: The new route to legal qualification

## What is the SQE?

The Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) is a national licensing exam developed by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA). It was introduced in September 2021, gradually replacing the Legal Practice Course (LPC) as the **only way to qualify as a solicitor** in England and Wales.

The SQE pathway starts with a degree or Level 6 equivalent qualification. Candidates will need to pass the SQE1 and SQE2 exams, do two years of qualifying work experience (QWE) before, during or after the exams, and pass the character and suitability checks by the SRA, which include checking for a criminal record and bad credit.





# Why was the SQE introduced?

## **More consistent:**

The SQE is a standardised exam, ensuring every candidate is held to the same high level of excellence and there's transparency in pass rates.

## **More accessible:**

The exam is open to graduates from any background, and Qualifying Work Experience now replaces the highly competitive training contracts that only a select few are able to secure.

## **More affordable:**

SQE preparation and exam costs are far less than the LPC's and there's no need to do an additional conversion course.

## **Is the SQE compulsory?**

We're in a transitional period: From September 2024, all new graduates have to follow the SQE route to qualification. Those who are already on the LPC pathway have a few more years' grace to complete their pathway.

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## BARBRI SQE

## Traditional LPC:

### Eligibility

Any degree or Level 6 equivalent qualification.

A qualifying law degree, usually at 2:2 or above.

Non-law grads: an additional conversion course eg Graduate Diploma of Law (GDL) or PGDL, Common Professional Examination (CPE) or similar (eg CILEx).

### Course Duration

Great flexibility. BARBRI offers prep courses starting 40 weeks, 20 weeks or 10 weeks before each exam.

1 academic year full time or 2 years part time.

### Learning Method

Online with learning coach support, flexible.

On site or online.

### Work Experience

2 years of qualifying work experience (QWE) in up to 4 organisations. Completed before, during or after the SQE exams.

A compulsory 2-year training contract needs to be secured. It has to cover 4 seats of 6 months each, all at the same firm or organisation.

### Costs

BARBRI SQE1 Prep: £2,999  
BARBRI SQE2 Prep: £3,499 (£2,999 for SQE1 alumni)  
Exam fees, payable directly to the exam body Kaplan:  
SQE1 exam: £1,798  
SQE2 exam: £2,766

Up to £19,500, including assessment fees.

"I have a non-law degree & to complete the GDL & LPC would have cost close to £30K.

I had worked in law for nearly 3 years prior to starting the SQE and so was able to continue to build up Qualifying Work Experience while studying. Without the introduction of this route I would not be where I am today. \

**Jenny Greene**

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# Is the SQE right for me?

## I'm a law graduate:

**Yes!**

Whether you want to become a solicitor or use your knowledge on a different career path, the **SQE will stand you apart as someone of high intellect, tenacity, ambition and integrity.** You can go straight into the Solicitors Qualifying Exams after university without having to secure a training contract.

## I'm a non-law graduate:

**Yes!**

You no longer need to do a conversion course such as the GDL. At BARBRI we do offer a

Foundations in Law course to introduce you to common legal terms and the legal system in England and Wales, and we also offer a **SQE1 Prep 40-week course** to give you the maximum amount of time to absorb all you need to know to pass the SQE1 exams.

## I'm a legal professional:

**Yes!**

After all the years you've spent working as a paralegal, legal secretary or another legal function that keeps the wheels turning, **you too may now be able to qualify as a solicitor.** All you need to do is check if you're eligible by registering and applying with the SRA.

## I'm an overseas qualified lawyer:

**Yes!**

If you want dual qualification, the SQE is the perfect next step. **You may be exempt from the SQE 1 exam** – please register with the SQE to check and apply for exemption. You won't need QWE but you'll need to demonstrate your competence in the English or Welsh language (CEFR Level C2) – more information can be found on the BARBRI website and on the SRA website.



The future is in your hands!

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# Foundations in Law

BARBRI Foundations in Law is a 60-hour online course designed to help you familiarise yourself with the study of common law in England and Wales. It can be taken separately or prior to BARBRI SQE1. Prep course to help you build knowledge ready to tackle the SQE with greater confidence.

## It offers an introduction to:

- The legal system of England & Wales;
- Legal research – how to conduct and present it;
- Core legal terms, concepts, and areas of practice.

## What's included:

- Online study guide
- Short video lectures
- Interactive exercises
- Prerecorded workshops
- Practice questions
- Access to Westlaw, Togetherall, and
- our Careers & Employability services

[Learn More](#)

[Free sample  
course materials](#)

"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 of 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 stick to it and commit to the plan. I could not have passed the super SQE1 exam without BARBRI's PSP and the constant support of my mentor. \)

**Ali Yaacoub**

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# Foundations in Law

## Online

6 Weeks, 10 hours per week (60 hours total)

Available online. Can be taken prior to either the Flexible SQE1 Prep or as a standalone course.

Best for non-law graduates, professionals and overseas lawyers looking for an introduction to the study of law in England and Wales, or as a refresher for former law students. currently in full-time employment.

**£499**



# The **SQE1** exam explained

## The **SQE1** exam:

A computer-based multiple-choice exam with 360 questions spread over 2 days. It tests functioning legal knowledge (FLK). The exam can be sat worldwide in PearsonVUE centres.

## Subjects tested:

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

## **SQE 1** Exam

BARBRI students who completed 90%+ of the PSP:

**76%**

All BARBRI students

**66%**

SRA Average

**53%**

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# BARBRI's SQE1 Prep courses

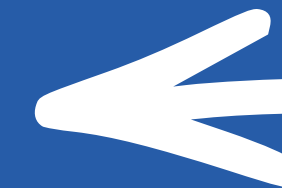
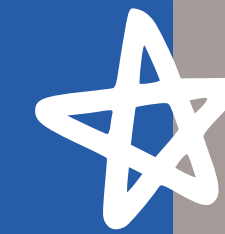
## BARBRI's SQE1 Prep course includes:

- Our intuitive Study Assistant and Coach (ISAAC)
- Full 1:1 learning coach support
- Face-to-face workshops
- A set of hard copy resource materials
- 2,000+ practice multiple-choice questions
- Several practice exams
- A full, realistic mock exam before you sit the actual SQE1

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[Free sample  
course materials](#)

[SQE Prep preview](#)



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# Available SQE1 Prep courses

BARBRI SQE1 Prep Course

## Flexible

40 Weeks

Part-time course, 10-12 hours of study per week.

Best for non-law graduates or law graduates from a UK or non-UK university and who are currently in full-time employment.

£2,999

BARBRI SQE1 Prep Course

## Focused

20 Weeks

Part-time course, 20 hours per week.

Best for law graduates from a UK university who have been out of law school for 3+ years and currently not working.

£2,999

BARBRI SQE1 Prep Course

## Accelerated

10 Weeks

Full-time course, 40 hours of study per week.

Best for recent law graduates from a UK university looking for the quickest, most efficient course to pass the SQE.

£2,999

# The **SQE2** exam explained

A skills-based examination of 16 written and oral skills assessments. The written elements of the exam can be sat worldwide. The oral elements must be taken in person in England or Wales.

## 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)
- Business Organisations, Rules and Procedures (including money laundering and financial services)
- Dispute Resolution
- Property Practice
- Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice

\*Ethics and professional conduct will be examined throughout SQE1 and SQE2.

**SQE 2**  
Exam

BARBRI SQE1 alumni:

**87%**

All BARBRI students

**82%**

SRA Average

**77%**



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# Our SQE2 Prep courses:

## BARBRI's SQE2 Prep course includes:

- SQE1 learning materials
- 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

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[Free sample  
course materials](#)



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# Our SQE2 Prep courses:

BARBRI SQE2 Prep

## Part-time

10-12 hours of study per week.

Best for candidates who have passed SQE1 or QLTS MCT, or LPC graduates who are exempt from SQE1.

**£3,499**

with SQE1 Prep alumni discount: £2,999

BARBRI SQE2 Prep

## Full-time

10 weeks

Intense full-time programme. Best for candidates who have passed SQE1 or QLTS MCT, or LPC graduates who are exempt from SQE1, and who have prior work experience.

**£3,499**

with SQE1 Prep alumni discount: £2,999





"I am extremely impressed with the BARBRI SQE Prep course. The mock questions were very similar to those in the exam and the content BARBRI included on the course was extremely targeted making revision effortlessly efficient."

**Lauren Hancock**







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# What makes BARBRI different?



## 50+ Years of experience

In the U.S., BARBRI is a household name for U.S. bar exam preparation. 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 judgements and legal developments. You're in excellent hands!

**Our students rate our lectures**  
*4.67 out of 5*



## 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.

**Our students rate our PSP**  
*4.6 out of 5*

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"Thanks to the BARBRI prep course I passed the SQE 1 alongside my fulltime job & Ph.D. studies in law"

Magda



#### Comprehensive practice questions and mock exams

Our students get access to thousands of multiple-choice questions, hands-on scaffolding exercises and mock exams. We regularly hear students praise our personalised feedback!



#### Exceptional student support

You get unlimited one-to-one time with your learning coach, who is there to help you throughout the entire course. We also have top career coaches to help you to prepare for applications and interviews so you can secure qualified work experience (QWE).



#### BARBRI guarantee

This is a tough exam. We'll do everything we can to help you pass the exam, but life happens. And if you didn't pass the first time around, for whatever reason, we'll help you to prepare for your resit.



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# BARBRI Career & Employability support

**We help you make informed decisions about how to best progress your career, including:**

- identifying the right area of law for you
- finding the right job or internship for you
- building your CV and writing cover letters
- improving interview skills
- negotiating salaries

**As a BARBRI student, you'll also have access to:**

- one-to-one career clinics
- commercial awareness workshops
- networking sessions
- career webinars
- CareerHub: with a job search engine, law career blogs, psychometric tests and more

*"I used BARBRI's CareerHub to assist me with CV programming. The smart CV checker provided instant feedback on how to improve my CV's layout, wording and content."*

I successfully made it through to the interview stage for a Vacation Scheme. Jane, one of the career advisors, provided me with unique tips on how to structure my answers, and most importantly, she helped me to understand how to answer interview questions on commercial awareness. \

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# Qualifying Work Experience

Apart from passing the SQE1 and SQE2 exams, you also need to complete at least **two years of full-time Qualifying Work Experience (QWE)** at **up to four** organisations. This can be taken **before, during or after** SQE1 and SQE2.

QWE is any paid or unpaid experience that gives you the opportunity to develop the competencies needed to practise as a solicitor. It could include:

- Undertaking a training contract
- Working in-house
- Working as a paralegal
- Placements during a law degree
- Working in a law clinic
- Working at a voluntary or charitable organisation, or a law centre

Your past or current work experience needs to be signed off by a solicitor to count towards the SRA's requirements for QWE.

Find out more on the [SRA's website](#) and read our blog here: [QWE: Your key questions answered](#)

# The employer nod of approval

If you're wondering if the SQE route will help you to land a great job where you can use your skills and knowledge in a job you love, you'll be pleased to know that BARBRI partners with several top UK law firms, in-house legal teams and alternative legal service providers, supporting their employees with SQE preparation and continual development training.

**These employers fully embrace the SQE pathway** and have joined other high-profile institutions in moving the legal profession into the future!

[Read more](#) about our partnerships with firms, organisations, universities and industry bodies here.

BARBRI offers legal education support at 45 of the top 100 UK law firms 

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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 options to reach SQE success, whatever their personal circumstances.

## Download our funding guides

[SQE1 Funding Guide](#)

[SQE2 Funding Guide](#)

Here are different ways we help you to fund your SQE studies:



### SQE Scholarships

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

[Find out more](#)



### Flexible payment plans

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

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### Student Loans

BARBRI partnered with Knoma to offer interest-free, fee-free loans, spread over up to several months.

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### Bill your employer

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

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# Your future starts here!

For course start dates, enrolment deadlines and exam dates, visit the BARBRI website.

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