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2025

Your SQE Prep Guide

Prepare for the SQE exams with the
world experts in legal exam preparation

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Welcome!

You want to make a difference in this world — let us help you!

BARBRI has maintained the trust of legal students and lawyers for over 50 years, helping more than 1.3 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 flexibility, learning adapted to your needs, and exceptional one-to-one student support with our intelligent online learning platform that schedules 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(ish) 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, 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.

Is the SQE compulsory?

We're in a transitional period: From this year, all new graduates have to follow the SQE route to qualification. (But those who are already on the LPC pathway have a few more years' grace to complete their pathway.)

THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS!

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 uni 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 40-week SQE1 preparation 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 one or both of the SQE exams – 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**.

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Timeline: How Long Will It Take to Qualify?

You can complete both of the SQE exams in one to two years.

SQE1 Exams:

- Prepare for 10 to 40 weeks ([see our course start dates here](#))
- Sittings every January and July
- Results announced 2 months later
- You need to pass SQE1 to be able to book your SQE2 exam

SQE2 Exams:

- Prepare for 10 to 20 weeks
- Sittings every January, April, July and October
- Results announced up to 4 months later

Qualifying Work Experience:

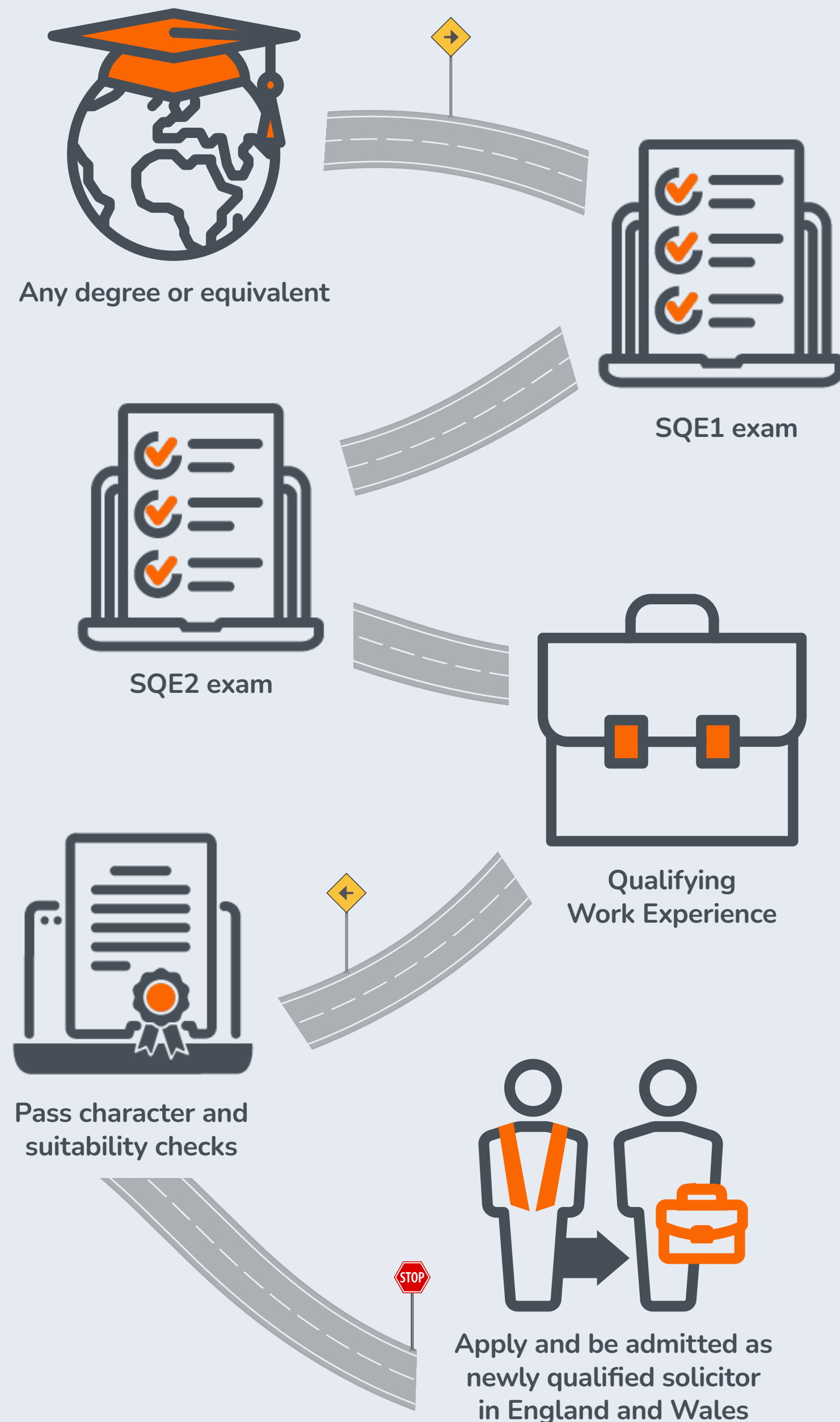
- Complete a total of two years of QWE before, during or after your SQE studies

Applying to the SRA to Be Admitted:

- Background screening, character and suitability assessment and application generally take around 30 days (unless there's an issue with your screenings)

Our SQE Complete packages offer the quickest way to qualify (see details on [page 16](#)):

- SQE Complete Prep Focused
- SQE Complete Prep Flexible



The SQE1 Exam

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.

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

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



The SQE2 Exam

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

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



Qualifying Work Experience

You 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: QWE: Your key questions answered



What Makes BARBRI Different?



1. Exceptional Pass Rates

Our BARBRI students consistently perform well above the national pass rate!



2. 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.



3. Unrivalled Student Support

You get unlimited one-to-one calls with a learning coach, who is there to support you throughout the course. And our career coaches help you prepare for applications and interviews to secure Qualified Work Experience (QWE).



4. 50 Years of Experience

In the US, BARBRI is a household name for US 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.



5. 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!



6. Comprehensive Practice Questions + Mock Exams

Our students get access to 3,000+ of multiple-choice questions, practice tests and mock exams. We regularly hear students praise our personalised feedback!



7. 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.

Our students rate
our lectures
4.67 out of 5



CAREERHUB

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:

- 1:1 career clinics
- Commercial awareness workshops
- Networking sessions
- Career webinars
- CareerHub: with a job search engine, law career blogs, psychometric tests and more

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I used BARBRI's CareerHub to assist me with CV programming...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.

—Idil

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COURSE DETAILS

BARBRI SQE1 Prep

BARBRI's SQE1 Prep course includes:

- AI-powered Personal Study Plan (PSP), scheduling the modules around your time
- Unlimited 1:1 learning coach support
- 20- to 30-minute video lectures, easily fit into your schedule
- Digital and hardback workbooks
- 3,000+ practice multiple-choice questions (MCQs)
- Live online workshops
- 8 full mock tests and realistic SQE1 mock exam
- Career support and wellness and mental health resources

[Free Sample Course Materials](#)

[SQE1 Prep Preview](#)

Exceptional Pass Rates for the SQE1 Exam

Trust the BARBRI process. it works!

BARBRI Average Pass Rate**

72%

SRA Industry Average Pass Rate**

44%

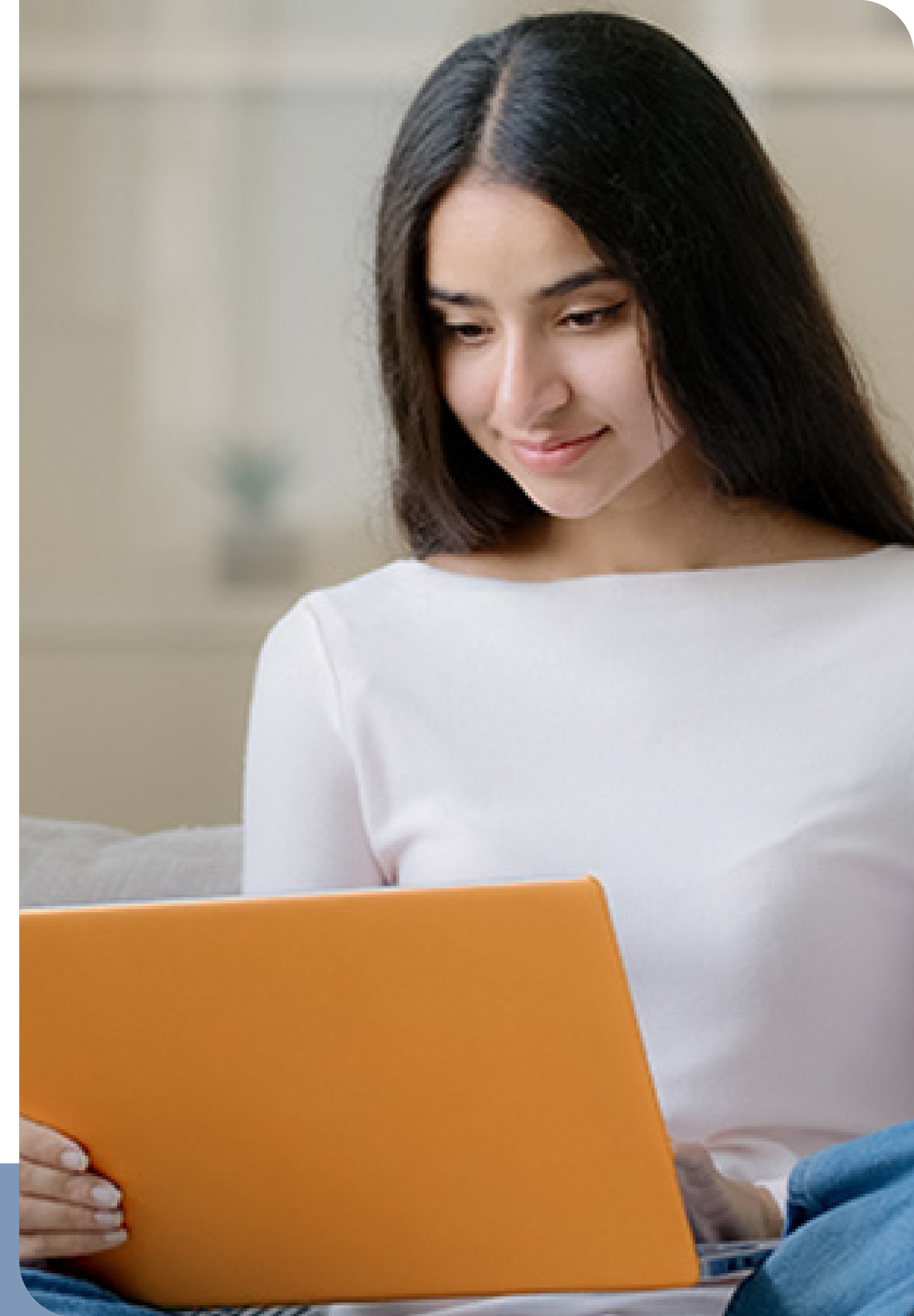
* of those who completed at least 90% of recommended study plan

** Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) pass rate from July 2024 exam

“ I completed the SQE1 40-week prep course with BARBRI. The BARBRI teaching method was fantastic — the PSP (the learning platform) was easy to use and intuitive and their systematic problem-solving approach to the SQE1 exam is, without doubt, the reason I passed. I would highly recommend **BARBRI**.

—Nuala R via Trustpilot

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COURSE DETAILS

BARBRI SQE2 Prep

BARBRI's SQE2 Prep course includes: :

- All relevant SQE1 learning materials and diagnostic assessment
- Bite-sized skills video lectures by experienced solicitors
- Digital and hardback workbook
- Step-by-step activities to master each skill
- 24 Self-practice activities
- 12 Personalised feedback activities
- 12 Mock exams with personal feedback
- Workshops, strategy sessions and a one-to-one tutor call
- Career support, as well as mental health and wellness support

[Learn More](#)

[Free Sample Course Materials](#)

Exceptional Pass Rates for the SQE2 Exam

Trust the BARBRI process. it works!

BARBRI Average Pass Rate**

87%

* of those who completed at least 90% of recommended study plan

SRA Industry Average Pass Rate**

77%

** Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) pass rate from July 2024 exam

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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

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Our SQE Complete Prep Bundles

Studying with one of our SQE Prep bundles gives you the best-value option and allows you to experience world-class learning from start to finish.

£5,499
(save £999)

Enrol

SQE Complete Prep Focused

SQE1 Focused (20 weeks, 20 hours of study per week) +
SQE2 Flexible (20 weeks, 10-12 hours of study per week)

SQE Complete Prep Flexible

SQE1 Flexible (40 weeks, 10-12 hours of study per week) +
SQE2 Flexible (20 weeks, 10-12 hours of study per week)

Learn about your SQE Prep funding options on [page 20](#). | Please note: A late registration admin fee of £49 is added after a course has started.

Standalone SQE1 Prep Courses

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

Focused

20 weeks | Part-time
20 hours of study 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

Flexible

40 Weeks | Part-time
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.

£3,299



Want an Introduction to Law First?

Our optional online Foundations in Law course is the ideal introduction for non-law students and international professionals.

Foundations in Law + SQE1 Prep Bundle

Foundations: 4-6 weeks, 6-10 hours of study per week + SQE1 Prep Focused or Flexible

Foundations in Law

4-6 weeks, 6-10 hours of study per week, available on demand

[Explore Foundations in Law](#)





COURSE OPTIONS

Standalone SQE2 Prep Courses

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Flexible

20 Weeks Online | Part-Time

10-12 Study Hours/Week (excluding FLK revision)

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

£3,499

£500 off for BARBRI SQE1 Prep Alumni

Accelerated

10 Weeks Online | Full-Time

15-20 Study Hours/Week (excluding FLK revision)

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

£500 off for BARBRI SQE1 Prep Alumni

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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

Visit BARBRI's SQE Prep Funding Page

Here Are Different Ways We Help You to Fund Your SQE Studies:



SQE scholarships

We offer several funding prizes through our BARBRI essay/video competitions, plus discounts for refugees, public sector workers and 1st class honours graduates.

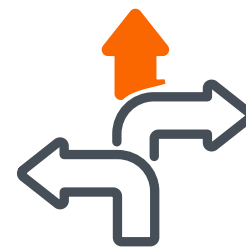
[Find out more](#)



Student loans

BARBRI partnered with Klarna and Lendwise to offer student loans, spread over several months.

[Find out more](#)



Flexible payment plans

We have an instalment plan so you can spread out your payments within a pre-agreed schedule.

[Find out more](#)



Bill your employer

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

[Download the Employer Funding guide](#)



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, organisations with 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.

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



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Eligibility Criteria?

Any degree or Level 6 equivalent qualification. No conversion course (eg PGDL) required.

How Much Do the SQE Exams Cost?

Exams are booked and paid for via the SRA portal.

- SQE1 exam fee: £1,888
- SQE2 exam fee: £2,902

*Fees correct until September 2025. Budget in travel fees to the UK exam centres for the SQE2 oral exam.

Can I Apply for Reasonable Adjustments?

Yes! You can [read here](#) about the SRA's process for requesting reasonable adjustments at the [test centres](#) and contact the SRA directly.

For information on how BARBRI supports you during the learning process, please visit our [Student Support page](#).

[See More FAQs](#)

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

—Jenny

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A man with a beard and short dark hair is wearing large white headphones with orange accents. He is wearing a light-colored, textured sweater and is sitting at a wooden desk. He is looking at a silver laptop in front of him, with his hands on the keyboard. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with greenery and a body of water under a bright sky.

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Your Future Starts Here!

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

[Get Started](#)