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University of  
**Law**

# AN **SQE** COURSE FOR EVERYONE

**94%** OUR POSTGRADUATE  
STUDENTS  
**IN EMPLOYMENT  
OR FURTHER STUDY\***

**LAW AND SO  
MUCH  
MORE**



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**We've been providing legal training for nearly 150 years, so it's safe to say that we've been witness to many changes in legal qualification over the years.**

We're well versed in working with law firms to understand these changes to ensure the legal training we provide exceeds industry standards, which is why we've become a trusted provider to both law students and law firms.

The latest change within the legal industry is the route to qualifying as a solicitor in England and Wales. The introduction of the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) aims to take down the barriers of entry of becoming a solicitor and to make the career choice more accessible.

With this new route comes some uncertainty – do you have to study a specific course? How do you obtain Qualifying Work Experience? Should you still do the LPC?

To help answer these questions, we've put together a guide with everything you need to know about becoming a solicitor, including career opportunities, courses, and funding.



# WHAT DOES A SOLICITOR DO?

Solicitors advise their clients on necessary legal action as well as represent them in lower courts.

For many clients, a solicitor is their first point of contact when discussing legal matters. A client could be an individual, a group of people, a public sector organisation, or a private company. Solicitors also work with barristers, preparing cases for them to try in higher courts.

As a qualified solicitor, you can choose to work in a specific area of law that interests you. You could work in family law, international human rights law, or even medical law to name a few. As law is a fundamental subject that touches every aspect of society, there's no limit to what you could specialise in and practise. To get the right cultural fit, there are many avenues for you to pursue from boutique law firms to large commercial organisations.

If you want to find out about the legal practice areas you could work in, see our [Legal Practice Area Guide](#).

## WHAT DOES A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SOLICITOR LOOK LIKE?

Your work will vary depending on which type of organisation you work in, as well as what practice area you specialise in. A typical day as a solicitor could involve:

- Drafting and working through documents, such as legal contracts and witness statements
- Working directly with clients and providing advice on complex legal matters
- Attending meetings and negotiations
- Researching legal records and case law
- Advising and representing clients in court
- Providing free advice and legal work to those in need (pro bono)

### AVERAGE SALARY (Per year)

£28,000  
Starter



£125,000  
Experienced

### TYPICAL HOURS

37hr to 50hr  
(per week)

### YOU COULD WORK

On call at short notice

## THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A SOLICITOR

From matters of business to even buying and selling a house, there's no corner untouched that doesn't involve the need of a solicitor.

Due to this, the role of a solicitor is highly valued and respected. There are some other key benefits in becoming a solicitor, including:

- Financial benefits: salaries can be lucrative, with starting salaries for trainee solicitors ranging from £28,000 to £68,000 (Prospects.ac.uk)
- Diverse and engaging work: no two days are the same when you're a solicitor. You'll be able to speak to people from all walks of life and work on constantly evolving cases.
- Excellent career progression: the career path of a solicitor is well-defined and structured, meaning that if you're an ambitious individual, you'll be able to work your way up to new heights.
- Working in a rewarding job: ultimately, the role of a solicitor is to help people. Solicitors can be a support in difficult times, such as when managing wills or divorces.

# HOW TO BECOME A SOLICITOR

The Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) is the body that regulates all solicitors and law firms in England and Wales.

The SRA are responsible for ensuring that solicitors abide by the same code of conduct to protect the public. The SRA is also the body that set the requirements to become a solicitor.

## WHAT IS THE SOLICITORS QUALIFYING EXAM?

From September 2021, the SRA launched a new route to become a solicitor. The Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) is now the centralised assessment for those who want to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales. Unlike the Legal Practice Course (LPC), the SQE is not a course of study but a set of examinations.

## TO BECOME A SOLICITOR THROUGH THE SQE YOU NEED TO:

- Obtain an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in any subject
- Pass the SQE1 and SQE2 assessments
- Undertake and prove that you have completed minimum of two years' Qualifying Work Experience
- Meet the SRA's character and suitability requirements.

Each SQE assessment aims to test different knowledge and skills deemed required to become a solicitor.

## WHAT ABOUT THE LPC?

Prior to September 2021, the route to become a solicitor included:

- An undergraduate law degree (LLB) or a non-law undergraduate degree (or equivalent) and law conversion qualification
- Completion of the Legal Practice Course
- Two years' work experience through a training contract

The LPC route is still available for those who completed, started, accepted an offer, or paid a non-refundable deposit for one of the following by **31 August 2021**:

- a Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) / the Common Professional Examination
- a Qualifying Law Degree (QLD)
- the LPC
- a period of recognised training (also known as a training contract)

For a QLD and exempting law degree (ELD), such as an LLB, you must have completed, started, accepted an offer or paid a non-refundable deposit by **21 September 2021**.

In most cases, for the QLD, ELD and CPE, the relevant course must have started at the latest on or before **31 December 2021**.

If you have already started a qualifying law degree, GDL or training contract there are transitional arrangements in place meaning that you can still study and complete the LPC until **31 December 2032**.

**CHECK OUT THE DIFFERENT ROUTES TO BECOMING A SOLICITOR ON OUR WEBSITE**



## LPC VS SQE

If you're still eligible to study the LPC, you may feel unsure if this route is still the right one for you.

The LPC is still a valid qualification to obtain, and although the SQE route will eventually replace this, it does not mean that the LPC is of any lesser value. As well as this, the LPC is the tried and tested route, so if you're still uncertain you can feel secure in the fact that this course is well-established and known to law firms. Ultimately, there's no right or wrong answer as both routes will lead to qualification and will allow you to register with the SRA as a practising solicitor.

### DID YOU KNOW?

We're continuing to offer the LPC to eligible students, but we recommend they already have a training contract in place.

## IS THE SQE HARDER THAN THE LPC?

There's no simple answer to this as difficulty is subjective and individual students may find some elements harder than others across both routes.

Something to consider when making your decision is that the assessments vary greatly between the two routes to qualification. The LPC contains 14 assessments in total. These include a mixture of open book multiple choice questions and problem solving question exams. There is also one skills assessment each in legal research, drafting, writing, interviewing and advocacy. The SQE in total has 18 assessments; two in SQE1, where your Functional Legal Knowledge will be tested, and 16 in SQE2, where your legal skills will be assessed through a set of written and oral assessments. Ultimately, there's no "right" choice – it's up to you to decide how you would like to study and be assessed.

	LPC	SQE
<b>Timeline</b>	Min. 9 months to complete the course	N/A – there is no compulsory course.
<b>Work experience required</b>	2 years – training contract	2 years – Qualifying Work Experience
<b>Study hours per week</b>	Full-time course: 45 hours Part-time course: 20 hours	There is no compulsory course.
<b>Flexibility of study</b>	Can study on campus and online, both full-time and part-time	Can study on campus and online, both full-time and part-time



# WHO IS THE SQE FOR?

One of the reasons of changing the route to become a solicitor was to make the profession accessible to all.

Whether you've had your heart set on becoming a solicitor for a while, or you're considering pursuing a different career path, you'll be able to find the route for you.

## IF YOU'RE...

### ...an LLB graduate

If you have completed an undergraduate law degree and have a solid foundation in law, then you can study for the SQE assessments straight away. You can choose to study a preparation course that focuses mainly on passing the assessments, or if you want to boost your skill set and employability, you can choose to study a Master's. You will also need to gain two years' QWE.

## DID YOU KNOW?

According to a 2024 Legal Cheek survey, **92%** of law firms expect their solicitor trainees to undertake additional training beyond SQE preparation courses.

### ...a graduate in a non-law course or are thinking of changing careers

Coming from a non-law background is seen as beneficial by employers, as you'll have a different mindset and different way of approaching legal tasks compared to someone who studied law at undergraduate level. You'll need a solid understanding of academic law, as this will be expected of you when undertaking the SQE1 and 2 assessments. Therefore, it's advisable to undertake a law conversion course to build the necessary foundation for solicitor study. You can then move on to studying for the SQE assessments. You will also need to gain two years' QWE.

## DID YOU KNOW?

According to a 2024 Legal Cheek survey, **89%** of law firms require non-law graduates to undertake a conversion course before beginning their SQE preparation.

### ...already working in the legal sector and want to qualify as a lawyer

Already have a solid understanding in law? You might wish to study for the SQE assessments straight away. There are also lighter touch conversion courses available, such as the SQE Law Essentials, to bring your academic knowledge up to speed. Your legal experience may already fulfil the requirements of Qualifying Work Experience. To find out what experience counts, visit our [website](#).

### ...a lawyer in an international jurisdiction and want to practise in England and Wales

As an internationally qualified lawyer, you must take the SQE assessments to be able to practise in England and Wales. However, there are some exemptions available depending on your jurisdiction. These exemptions mean that you may not have to sit one or more of the SQE assessments. As a qualified lawyer, you may not need to complete two years' work experience. To find out more, visit the [SRA's website](#).

*Myth*

**YOU DON'T NEED TO UNDERSTAND BLACK LETTER LAW TO PASS THE SQE.**

## SQE FACT

Knowledge of **Black Letter Law** is essential for success in the SQE. SQE1 assesses functioning legal knowledge which are the core legal principles and rules students are asked to apply to different subject areas.

**[Read our blog to get the facts](#)**



# MORE WORLD CLASS TEACHING - MEET OUR EXPERT LECTURERS

Our postgraduate law lecturers include many qualified lawyers, with experience across the whole spectrum of legal practice areas.

They'll bring this essential insight and practical expertise with them to your learning, ensuring that you're thinking like a lawyer long before you enter the job market. You will benefit from small class sizes and a dedicated Academic Coach, giving you more support to achieve your ambitions.

When it comes to course content, we work closely with our partner firms, and employers to develop comprehensive, quality programmes that are designed to teach you the relevant legal knowledge you'll need for daily life and set you up for the realities of practising law. You'll benefit from tuition in small classes with other like-minded students, and specialist skills and behaviours modules – including a focus on legal technology, an emerging area of law.

Our expert lecturers are just one of the key reasons why our students are succeeding at the SQE.

See our pass rates:

## VIDEO



Hear from our  
solicitor training  
lecturer – Lisa



Hear from our  
solicitor training  
lecturer – Natalie

CHECK OUT OUR  
**SQE PASS RATES**  
ON OUR WEBSITE



**I PASSED BOTH PARTS  
OF THE SQE COMFORTABLY.  
THIS SPEAKS VOLUMES FOR THE  
QUALITY OF TEACHING  
AND THE DEPTH OF PRACTICE  
MATERIAL AVAILABLE**



GREG CHALMERS  
MA LAW (SQE1) GRADUATE





# OUR COURSES



We've refined our courses to ensure that we give you the knowledge and skills that go beyond just passing your exams; we want to prepare you for a career as a solicitor.

Our range of innovative SQE courses are designed and taught by lawyers with real commercial experience, giving you the best opportunity to succeed. If you don't come from a law background, our conversion courses bring you up to speed and build your foundational knowledge.

WITH  
**LOCATIONS ACROSS THE UK,  
AND ONLINE STUDY OPTIONS,**  
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THE RIGHT PLACE TO STUDY

AND WITH  
**94% IN EMPLOYMENT  
OR FURTHER STUDY**  
FOR OUR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS\*,

**WE'RE DEDICATED TO  
YOUR SUCCESS.**

**DISCOVER OUR OFFERING  
OF CONVERSION AND SOLICITOR COURSES TO  
FIND THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU.**

\*94% of postgraduates were in employment or further study 15 months after graduating (2021/22 Graduate Outcomes data). Contains HESA Data: Copyright Jisc 2024. Jisc cannot accept responsibility for any inferences or conclusions derived by third parties from its data.

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW (PgDL)

Our Postgraduate Diploma in Law (PgDL) is a law conversion course that teaches you to think like a lawyer and prepare for the realities of life in legal practice.

This course supports your transition into legal study with unparalleled support and guidance from our experienced, professional lecturers. Not only will you learn the academic law necessary but you will also focus on key skills and competencies crucial for your development as a lawyer.

The modules in the PgDL focus on combining core areas of law with the ability to analyse, evaluate and form critical judgements about the legal system and allows students to progress onto either a solicitor or a barrister training course.

To find out more about this course, visit the [Postgraduate Diploma in Law course page](#)

## HOW YOU'LL BE EXAMINED

40% of your examinations will comprise of Single Best Answer Questions (SBAQ).

The other 60% comprises of written online exams, coursework, and an oral presentation. All the assessments for this course are open book and online.

## WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Are thinking of a career change or didn't study an undergraduate law degree.
- Are unsure at this point if they want to become a solicitor or a barrister.
- Are looking to self-fund their conversion studies: this course is not eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan, so it is ideal for students saving the loan for the next step in their professional study.
- Do not enjoy long-form writing assessments. Unlike the MA Law (Conversion), this course does not require a dissertation.

### LOCATION

On-campus  
and Online

### STUDY MODES

Full-time and  
part-time

### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

**Full-time**  
45 hours  
**Part-time**  
25 hours

### DURATION

**Full-time**  
33-35 weeks  
**Part-time**  
70-87 weeks

### KEY BENEFITS

- Modules have been designed to anticipate the skills and knowledge required for the SQE assessments.
- Develop legal skills through practical workshops and problem-based learning.
- Analytics-based learning means you can reflect on your progress.
- Our Skills and Behaviours module will allow you to develop the soft skills and behaviours necessary for practise.

### VIDEO



Our PgDL



Is the PgDL  
right for me?

# MA LAW CONVERSION

Our MA Law (Conversion) is a conversion course for non-law graduates who want to gain a general legal qualification at master's level.

As an internationally recognised qualification, a law master's is a great addition to your academic credentials.

The MA Law (Conversion) includes a pre-course programme where you'll study the English Legal System and Constitutional Law. This means once you start your course, you're already one step ahead in your legal training.

In this course you will have a Dissertation in Law module which will allow you to attain contemporary technical legal knowledge. This module will give you the skills to demonstrate your technical expertise and advanced legal research skills to potential employers.

The structure and modules of the MA Law (Conversion) allows students to progress onto either a solicitor or a barrister training course.

To find out more about this course, visit the [MA Law \(Conversion\) course page](#).

## HOW YOU'LL BE EXAMINED

40% of your examinations will comprise of Single Best Answer Questions (SBAQ).

The other 60% comprises of written online exams, coursework, and an oral presentation. All the assessments for this course are open book and online.

You will also have to undertake an 8000-word supervised dissertation, with a 15 minute oral presentation and up to 30 minutes Q&A session on your written work.

## WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Are thinking of a career change or didn't study an undergraduate law degree.
- Are unsure at this point if they want to become a solicitor or a barrister.
- Are looking for funding for their conversion studies
- Want to focus on their legal research and writing skills through the dissertation module.

### LOCATION

On-campus  
and Online

### STUDY MODES

Full-time and  
part-time

### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

**Full-time**  
45 hours

**Part-time**  
25 hours

### DURATION

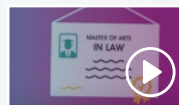
**Full-time**  
50–53 weeks

**Part-time**  
95–112 weeks

### KEY BENEFITS

- This course is eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan.
- Our Skills and Behaviours module will allow you to develop the key soft skills and behaviours necessary for practise.
- You'll be able to develop your legal research, writing and oral skills.

### VIDEO



Our MA Law  
(Conversion)



Is the MA Law  
(Conversion) right  
for me?



# MA LAW

## SQE 1

Our MA Law (SQE1) is a conversion course for non-law graduates who want to gain a legal qualification at master's level.

This course includes a pre-course programme where you'll study the English Legal System and Constitutional Law. This means once you start the MA Law (SQE1), you're already one step ahead in your legal training.

Upon completion of this course, you'll be able to move straight on to study the SQE2 Preparation Course. Our preparation courses do not include any behaviour skills training, so this route is perfect for individuals who feel competent with the skills needed to become a practising solicitor.

To find out more about this course, visit the [MA Law \(SQE1\) course page](#).

### HOW YOU'LL BE EXAMINED

Students take internal assessments. 40% of your examinations will comprise of Single Best Answer Questions (SBAQ).

The other 60% comprises of written online exams, coursework, and an oral presentation. All the assessments for this course are open book and online.

The SQE1 assessment will be set externally by the SRA, who will provide your award upon passing the centralised assessments.

### WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Are thinking of a career change or didn't study an undergraduate law degree, and want to become a solicitor.
- Are looking for funding for their conversion studies
- Do not require any additional legal skills and competencies training upon finishing this course.

### LOCATION

On-campus and Online

### STUDY MODES

Full-time and part-time

### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

**Full-time**

45 hours

**Part-time**

25 hours

### DURATION

**Full-time**

55-72 weeks

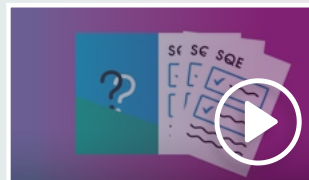
**Part-time**

107-124 weeks

### KEY BENEFITS

- Receive all online study manuals for this course for free, saving you £320. If you prefer having hard copy versions, you can purchase them with a 50% off discount.
- This course is eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan.
- This course includes four weeks guaranteed Qualifying Work Experience at our Legal Advice Clinic.

### VIDEO



Our MA Law (SQE1)

# SQE

## LAW ESSENTIALS

Our SQE Law Essentials is a law conversion course created for individuals who are looking to become a solicitor.

The course is only available online and comprises of five units of self-guided study per module, with a weekly hour-long support session to aid you in your studies. You'll learn through our dynamic learning model: Prepare, Engage, Consolidate (PEC).

In this course you'll develop the basic technical legal skills needed to acquire Functional Legal Knowledge (FLK), as well as resilience and planning skills.

As this course relies on self-guided study, we do not recommend this conversion course to someone who is completely new to the field of law.

To find out more about this course, visit the [SQE Law Essentials course page](#)

### HOW YOU'LL BE EXAMINED

You'll be given practice assessments in the form of multiple-choice questions in the final unit of each module.

### WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Early stage legal professionals who wish to reinforce their legal knowledge.
- Are LLB graduates who have completed their degree but did not immediately pursue a legal career.
- Are looking for a shorter basic course to fit around their personal and work commitments.

#### LOCATION

Online

#### STUDY MODES

Full-time and part-time

#### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

**Full-time**

45 hours

**Part-time**

25 hours

#### DURATION

**Full-time**

11 weeks

**Part-time**

17 weeks

#### KEY BENEFITS

- The modules on this course have been designed to anticipate the requirements of the SQE.
- Receive 50% off printed SQE study manuals when purchased together with an SQE course.
- Receive dedicated lecturer feedback in weekly sessions and identify areas for improvement.
- Benefit from our Employability Law Essentials Programme designed to help you understand the key competencies required to become a solicitor.

#### VIDEO



Our SQE Law Essentials

# LLM LEGAL PRACTICE

## SQE 1 & 2

Our LLM Legal Practice (SQE1&2) is for students who want to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales whilst gaining a master's award.

This course will prepare you for the SQE1 and SQE2 assessments, as well as developing your knowledge and skills through a suite of modules in key practice areas.

You'll learn from brand new resources, developed especially for the SQE by our expert lecturers. You'll receive all the course materials you need, including an extensive bank of SQE exam questions through our ULaw SQE revision app.

You'll develop the Functional Legal Knowledge needed to pass the SQE1 assessments, as well as the client interviewing, advocacy, case and matter analysis, legal research, drafting and writing skills needed to pass the SQE2 assessments. This vocational course also aims to develop your behavioural legal skills to give you the best opportunity to succeed as a solicitor.

You'll learn through our unique Prepare, Engage and Consolidate (PEC) model:

- **Prepare:** includes a rich mixture of learning activities such as manual reading, quizzes, preparatory tasks and more.
- **Engage:** classroom-based workshops where you will apply the knowledge acquired in the prepare stage.
- **Consolidate:** using our virtual learning environment, you'll be able to access our revision tool and complete practice tests and mock assessments.

### LOCATION

On-campus  
and Online

### STUDY MODES

Full-time and  
part-time

### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

**Full-time**  
50 hours  
**Part-time**  
20 hours

### DURATION

**Full-time**  
57–64 weeks  
**Part-time**  
94–103 weeks

### KEY BENEFITS

- Benefit from our SQE Plus Programme: enhance your knowledge across a range of practice areas.
- Includes four weeks guaranteed Qualifying Work Experience.
- Receive all the exam preparation materials you need including access to our extensive bank of SQE exam questions.
- Eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan
- If you don't get a job in nine months of graduating, you can get your course fee back as part of our Employment Promise (Terms and conditions apply).
- Receive all online study manuals for this course for free, saving you £600.

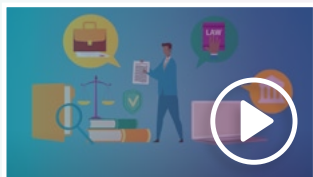
### VIDEO



Our LLM Legal Practice (SQE1&2)

To find out more about this course, visit the [LLM Legal Practice \(SQE1&2\) course page](#).

## VIDEO



What is our SQE Plus programme?

## VIDEO



Is the LLM Legal Practice (SQE1&2) for me?

## HOW YOU'LL BE EXAMINED

### Internal Assessments:

In order to gain the master's award, students must sit and pass the University's own internal SQE assessments which are entirely separate from the SRA's. You can find out more on our [course page](#).

### External assessments:

SQE1 and SQE2 are assessed by centralised assessments introduced by the SRA. These assessments are an essential requirement to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales (but do not need to be passed in order to gain our master's award). For more details, please visit the [SRA website](#).

## WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Started an undergraduate law degree (LLB) or law conversion qualification after September 2021.
- Want to prepare for the SQE assessments and focus on the soft skills and behavioural elements of a practising lawyer.
- Are looking for funding for their solicitor studies: this course is eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan.
- Want to stand out as a high-quality candidate in the legal employment market.





# LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE

Our LPC is recognised, well-respected and valued by law firms due to the level of practical preparation our students receive.

As our LPC takes a career-focused approach, you won't just be reading from textbooks; you'll also focus on practice-based tasks. You'll be able to fine-tune your interviewing, advocacy, research, writing and drafting skills. With our elective modules, you can tailor your LPC to align with your interests and career goals.

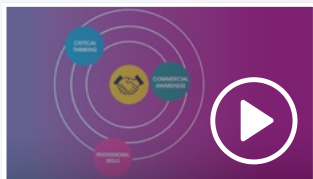
If you choose to study LPC LLM, you can delve deeper into legal practice areas of your choosing.

To find out more about this course, visit the [Legal Practice Course page](#) on our website.

## WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Started or completed an undergraduate law degree (LLB) or law conversion qualification before September 2021
- Can self-fund their study
- Have a training contract already in place

### VIDEO



Our Legal Practice Course

### LOCATION

On-campus  
and Online

### STUDY MODES

Full-time, part-time  
and accelerated

### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

**Full-time**

45 hours

**Part-time**

22.5 hours

### DURATION

**Full-time**

41–45 weeks

**Part-time**

22–22.5 months

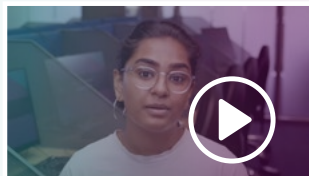
**Accelerated:**

27–40 weeks

### KEY BENEFITS

- You can add on an LLM in Professional Legal Practice for free when you study the LPC.
- If you choose to add the LLM, you could be eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan.
- If you don't get a job in nine months, you can get your LPC course fee back as part of our Employment Promise (T&Cs apply).
- All materials for this course are provided and included in your course fee.

### VIDEO



Is the LPC for me?

# SQE 1

## PREPARATION COURSE

Our **SQE1 Preparation Course** will prepare you for the SRA's centralised **SQE1 assessments**.

This course will not focus on academic law or provide any skills training, but instead focus on teaching you FLK1 and FLK2.

Before you start the course, you'll be asked to complete a pre-study test to ensure that you have a solid understanding of foundational subjects as well as black letter law. If you're unable or struggle to pass this test, you may prefer studying our **SQE Law Essentials** or **Postgraduate Diploma in Law** instead.

You'll learn through our unique Prepare, Engage and Consolidate (PEC) model.

You will also benefit from full access to our ULaw **SQE revision app**, where you can test yourself with our bank of **Single Best Answer Questions (SBAQ)**. You'll receive personalised feedback on areas to improve on so you can organise your revision in a sophisticated way.

With our **SQE1 Preparation Course**, you'll receive all 15 manuals needed for this course in a digital format for free.

To find out more about this course, visit the [SQE1 Preparation Course page](#) on our website.

### WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Already have a solid understanding of black letter law.
- LLB graduates who have completed their degree but did not immediately pursue a legal career.
- Can self-fund their study
- Want to concentrate their focus on passing the **SQE1 assessments** and not on developing skills for working in practice.
- Are an internationally qualified lawyer.
- If planning to study part-time, can fully commit to at least 20 hours of study time.

### LOCATION

On-campus and Online

### STUDY MODES

Full-time and part-time

### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

**Full-time**

40 hours

**Part-time**

20 hours

### DURATION

**Full-time**

14 weeks

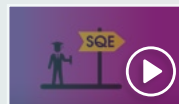
**Part-time**

27 weeks

### KEY BENEFITS

- You'll get our online **SQE study materials** for free. If you prefer having hardcopy versions, you'll get 50% off printed **SQE study manuals** when purchased together with an **SQE course**.
- When you book this course, you'll get our **SQE1 Exam Preparation Course** (worth £500) for free.
- Pass first time or study for free: If you don't pass **SQE1**, you can repeat our **SQE1 Exam Preparation Course** for free. (T&Cs apply)
- You'll develop basic behavioural skills required of a practising lawyer.

### VIDEO



**Our SQE1 Preparation Course**



**Is the SQE1 Preparation Course for me?**

## SQE 2

# PREPARATION COURSE

Our SQE2 Preparation Course will prepare you to sit the SQE2 oral and written assessments set by the SRA.

In this course, you'll cover interviewing, advocacy, case and matter analysis and legal research, writing and drafting. You'll receive in-depth lecturer guidance and support and learn through our unique Prepare, Engage and Consolidate (PEC) model.

Before you start the course, you'll be asked to complete a pre-study test to ensure you have a solid understanding of functioning legal knowledge skills that students learn for SQE1, so if you're unable or struggle to pass this test, you will see where to target your revision of these subjects.

You'll have access to our SQE1 revision aids, including the ULaw SQE app, to supplement your learning. To prepare you for your oral exam, you'll receive one-to-one mocks with personalised feedback so you're in the best position possible for the assessments.

To find out more about this course, visit the [SQE2 Preparation Course page](#) on our website.

### WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Have already completed the SQE1 Preparation Course.
- Individuals who completed their LPC a while ago and are looking to acquire QWE.
- Already have a solid understanding of black letter law.
- Can self-fund their study.
- Want to concentrate their focus on passing the SQE2 assessments and not on developing skills for working in practice.

### LOCATION

On-campus and Online

### STUDY MODES

Full-time and part-time

### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

**Full-time**

48 hours

**Part-time**

16 hours

### DURATION

**Full-time**

8 weeks

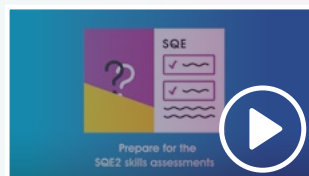
**Part-time**

20 weeks

### KEY BENEFITS

- You'll get our online SQE study materials for free. If you prefer having hardcopy versions, you'll get 50% off printed SQE study manuals when purchased together with an SQE course.
- Receive our SQE2 Exam Preparation Course (worth £1000) for free when you study this course.
- This course is ideal for LPC students who have not secured a training contract and want to open the pathway to obtain QWE instead.
- If you've completed the MA Law (SQE1), SQE1 Preparation Course, SQE1 Preparation Course for Legal Professionals or LPC with us, you'll receive £250 off this course as part of our Alumni Loyalty Scheme.

### VIDEO



Our SQE2 Preparation Course

# SQE 1 PREPARATION COURSE FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

Our SQE1 Preparation Course for Legal Professionals has been tailored specifically for legal professionals working full-time who wish to sit the SRA's centralised SQE1 assessments.

It will cover the same content as our SQE1 Preparation Course but combines the foundations of English Law to complement the knowledge you have already gained working in the industry.

Delivered over a period of 40 weeks, this course allows you to choose the sequence of modules based on your existing legal knowledge, so you can spend more time where you need it.

You'll benefit from full access to our ULaw SQE revision app, where you can test yourself with our bank of Single Best Answer Questions (SBAQ). You'll receive personalised feedback on areas to improve on so you can organise your revision in a sophisticated way.

To find out more about this course, visit the [SQE1 Preparation Course for Legal Professionals page](#) on our website.

## WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Are non-law or law graduates who are currently working in the legal field, such as paralegals.
- Already have a solid understanding of black letter law.
- Can self-fund their study.
- Want to concentrate their focus on passing the SQE1 assessments and not on developing skills for working in practice.
- Are an internationally qualified lawyer looking to practise in England and Wales.
- Can only dedicate a limited amount of study time per week.

### LOCATION

Online

### STUDY MODES

Part-time

### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

10 hours

### DURATION

40 weeks

### KEY BENEFITS

- A fully flexible and online course so you can study how it suits you.
- Takes into consideration your existing legal knowledge so you don't waste time covering subjects you're well-versed in.
- You'll get our online SQE study materials for free. If you prefer having hardcopy versions, you'll get 50% off printed SQE study manuals when purchased together with an SQE course.
- When you book this course, you'll get our SQE1 Exam Preparation Course (worth £550) for free.

### VIDEO



Is the SQE1 Preparation Course for Legal Professionals right for me?



# SQE 2 PREPARATION COURSE FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

Our SQE2 Preparation Course for Legal Professionals has been tailored specifically for legal professionals working full-time who wish to sit the SRA's centralised SQE2 assessments.

This course will teach you the legal skills required to successfully pass the SRA's SQE2 assessments comprising assessments in the 6 legal skills of client interviewing, advocacy, case and matter analysis, legal research, legal writing and legal drafting.

With complete flexibility to study online at your own pace over 30 weeks, this course is ideal for working legal professionals within the UK, or international lawyers.

To find out more about this course, visit the [SQE2 Preparation Course for Legal Professionals page](#) on our website.

## WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Already have a solid understanding of black letter law.
- Can self-fund their study.
- Want to concentrate their focus on passing the SQE2 assessments and not on developing skills for working in practice.
- Are an internationally qualified lawyer looking to practise in England and Wales.
- Can only dedicate a limited amount of study time per week.

### LOCATION

Online

### STUDY MODES

Part-time

### STUDY HOURS PER WEEK:

10 hours

### DURATION

30 weeks

### KEY BENEFITS

- A fully flexible and online course so you can study how it suits you.
- You'll get our online SQE study materials for free. If you prefer having hardcopy versions, you'll get 50% off printed SQE study manuals when purchased together with an SQE course.
- When you book this course, you'll get our SQE2 Exam Preparation Course (worth £1100) included for free.



# SQE 1 & 2 EXAM PREPARATION COURSES

Our SQE Exam Preparation Courses are intensive revision courses that take place over several days.

The courses are designed to ensure you're fully prepared for your SQE assessments through comprehensive revision sessions.

The SQE1 Exam Preparation Course is divided over two consecutive days, covering FLK1 on the first day and FLK2 on the second day. You'll undertake assessment practice, including mock tests which replicate the SBAQ style questions found in the SQE1. This will be done through the ULaw SQE revision app, which you will have full access to with this course.

The SQE2 Exam Preparation Course is split over 2 days for our full-time course or 4 evenings or 2 days at the weekend for our part-time course. You'll cover the advocacy, interviewing, legal writing, legal drafting, legal research, and case matter analysis skills that are tested in the SQE2 assessments. Through lecturer-led sessions you'll learn assessment techniques, receive exam tips and tricks, practice context revision activities and take mock tests.

To find out more about this course, visit the [SQE1 Exam Preparation Course page](#) and [SQE2 Exam Preparation Course page on our website](#).

## WE RECOMMEND THIS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO:

- Require additional revision
- Already have a solid understanding of the main concepts surrounding the SQE assessments.
- Are preparing to sit the SQE assessments and want to gain realistic examination experience.

### LOCATION

Live streamed from a campus location or via our Online campus

### STUDY MODES

Full-time and part-time

### DURATION

#### SQE1 EXAM PREP:

**Full-time:** 2 days  
/2 weekend days

**Part-time**  
4 evenings

#### SQE2 EXAM PREP:

**Full-time:** 2 days

**Part-time**  
5 evenings & a Saturday morning

# HOW DO I KNOW WHAT COURSE IS BEST FOR ME?

We don't believe in a one-size fits all approach, which is why we offer a range of courses to meet different needs.

See our tools to help you decide which course is best for you:

- Our **law course quiz**: this quiz will show you the different possible routes to qualifying based on your current position
- Our **course comparison guide**: we break down course features, funding options and career benefits by course in this handy guide

## NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS?

Get in touch with our Programme Consultants who will be happy to help you

Email: [study@law.ac.uk](mailto:study@law.ac.uk)

Telephone:

- UK: 0800 289 997 (and select option 1)
- International: +44 (0)1483 216 000 (and select option 1)



# POSTGRADUATE LAW COURSE COMPARISON

		LAW CONVERSION COURSES FOR NON-LAW GRADUATES				PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR COURSES		SQE PREPARATION COURSES				PROFESSIONAL EXAM PREPARATION		BARRISTER COURSES
		POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW (PGDL)	MA LAW (CONVERSION)	MA LAW (SQE1)	SQE LAW ESSENTIALS	LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE (LPC)*	LLM LEGAL PRACTICE (SQE1&2)	SQE1 PREPARATION COURSE	SQE2 PREPARATION COURSE	SQE1 PREPARATION FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS	SQE2 PREPARATION FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS	SQE1 EXAM PREPARATION	SQE2 EXAM PREPARATION	BAR PRACTICE COURSE (BPC)
CAREER FOCUS	Solicitor progression route	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Barrister progression route	✓	✓											✓
	Conversion course for non-law graduates	✓	✓	✓	✓									
	Legal skills & competencies training	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓
	Covers SQE Functioning Legal Knowledge			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	REVISION ONLY	REVISION ONLY	
STUDY MODE AND COURSE FEATURES	Full time study available	UP TO 8 MONTHS	UP TO 13 MONTHS	UP TO 17 MONTHS	11 WEEKS	UP TO 9.5 MONTHS	UP TO 15 MONTHS	UP TO 14 WEEKS	UP TO 8 WEEKS	N/A	N/A	2 DAYS OR 4 EVENINGS	2 DAYS OR 4 EVENINGS	8-9 MONTHS
	Part time study available	UP TO 20 MONTHS	UP TO 26 MONTHS	UP TO 29 MONTHS	17 WEEKS	UP TO 22.5 MONTHS	UP TO 24 MONTHS	27 WEEKS	20 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	30 WEEKS			20 MONTHS
	Online study available	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Includes research/dissertation assessment		✓			IF COMBINING WITH AN LLM OR MSc†								BPC LLM ONLY
	SQE1 Exam Preparation Course included							✓		✓				
	SQE2 Exam Preparation Course included								✓		✓			
	Virtual Law Firm (ULaw LLP) for contextual practice			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			
FUNDING	Eligible for funding, eg postgraduate student loan		✓	✓		IF COMBINING WITH AN LLM OR MSc†	✓							BPC LLM ONLY
	Self-funded	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Scholarships & bursaries available	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓
CAREERS SUPPORT AND BENEFITS	Employment promise - secure a job within 9 months of completing the course or get your fees back**					✓	✓							
	Includes 4 weeks guaranteed Qualifying Work Experience (QWE)			✓			✓							
	Pro Bono opportunities	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	Includes up to 50 hours of advocacy training													✓
	121 Careers Advice	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	Pass first time or study for free***			✓			✓	✓		✓				
TEXTBOOK, MANUALS AND APPS	Add a free Master's					✓								
	Access to SQE revision app			FOR SQE1 PORTION OF COURSE			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Access to Synap learning & revision tool													✓
	eBook study manuals & resources included	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	Hard copy study manuals & resources included					✓								✓

\*There are eligibility criteria for the Legal Practice Course (LPC) as this qualification is being phased out and replaced by the SQE by the end of 2032. Many students are still eligible to study the LPC, the tried and tested route to becoming a practising solicitor. Find out more at [law.ac.uk/lpc](http://law.ac.uk/lpc)

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# WHY STUDY FOR THE SQE IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO?

Under the SQE route, you don't need to complete a specific course of study to become a solicitor.

This means you could technically sit the SQE assessments without studying any course at all.

However, legal knowledge is only one part of becoming a solicitor; you must also develop a range of soft skills to work successfully. Legal cases can be distressing, so it requires someone with the emotional intelligence and people skills to be able to deescalate tensions when high and provide support to those who are going through difficult times.

By studying a conversion course, or a course such as the LLM Legal Practice (SQE1&2), you'll be able to develop the behavioural skills required to become a solicitor. With these courses, you'll be able to understand how the knowledge you learn is applied in real life scenarios, as well as understand how to approach difficult scenarios with ethical consideration and respect. In addition, a preparation course does not teach black letter law, so if you are coming from a non-law background, you will need to study a law conversion course to gain this technical legal knowledge.



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This falls in line with the SRA's requirement of solicitors needing to meet a certain level of aptitude to be able to perform their role to a high standard, as highlighted in their Statement of Solicitor Competence.

Law firms are expecting newly qualified solicitors to have a solid understand of these softer skills and foundational legal knowledge. In a survey carried out by Legal Cheek, **92%** of law firms expect their solicitor trainees to undertake **additional training** beyond SQE preparation courses. In addition, for those converting to law, **89%** of law firms require students to complete a law conversion course before moving on to the SQE (Legal Cheek 2024). **For many firms, simply passing the SQE assessments is not enough to work as a practising solicitor.**

## STATEMENT OF SOLICITOR COMPETENCE

Solicitors must focus on areas of:

- Ethics, professionalism, and judgement
- Technical legal practice
- Working with others in a professional, respectful, and effective way
- Managing yourself and your own work



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 SQE1 PREPARATION COURSE



# ULAW SQE APP

Did you know we've developed an app exclusively to help you pass the SQE1 assessments?

Providing a large, high quality question bank, you'll benefit from detailed feedback and the ability to self-direct your learning with structured tests and recommendations.

If you make full use of the app, our algorithm can determine whether or not you'll pass the SQE assessments with nearly 90% accuracy.\*

You can download the ULaw SQE app for free, which contains sample mock questions. Once you've enrolled with us on a full SQE course, you'll get access to over 3000 practice questions.

To find out more about the app and how it can support your learning, see our [ULaw SQE app guide](#).



\* 88.5% of our students who sat the SQE1 assessments, classified as 'Likely' or 'Very Likely' to pass by the ULaw SQE App, passed. Based on July 2022, January 2023, July 2023 and January 2024 SQE1 assessments and self-reported student data.

# TAKING THE SQE ASSESSMENTS

The SQE assessments are set by the SRA and not by a legal education provider, as was the case with the LPC.

Each SQE assessment aims to test different knowledge and skills deemed required to become a solicitor.

For both the SQE1 and SQE2 assessments, you'll have to attend your local Pearson VUE test centre. You'll have to book directly with the SRA, who will send you a confirmation email about the location, time, and duration of your assessment.

## SQE1

The SQE1 assessment aims to test your Functioning Legal Knowledge (FLK). This means that you are able to identify legal principles and apply your knowledge of the law appropriately and effectively to client cases. The SQE1 is split into two: FLK1 and FLK2. These are closed-book examinations which contain 180 multiple-choice questions with five options and a single best answer.

**Myth**

**THE SQE FEATURES MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS.**

**SQE FACT**

The SQE1 assessment features 'single best answer questions', or SBAQs. These differ from standard multiple-choice questions - in SBAQs, there may be multiple correct answers, but one answer may be more suitable than the other(s) depending on the context of the question.

Get the facts at [law.ac.uk/sqe-mythbusting](http://law.ac.uk/sqe-mythbusting)

## SQE1 WRITTEN ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Day 1	<b>Session 1:</b> 2 hours 33 minutes	Advocacy (Dispute Resolution) Interview and attendance note/legal analysis (Property Practice)
	<b>Scheduled break:</b> 60 minutes	
	<b>Session 2:</b> 2 hours 33 minutes	
Day 2	<b>Session 1:</b> 2 hours 33 minutes	Advocacy (Criminal Litigation) Interview and attendance note or legal analysis (Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice)
	<b>Scheduled break:</b> 60 minutes	
	<b>Session 2:</b> 2 hours 33 minutes	

### The FLK1 covers:

- Business law and practice
- Dispute resolution
- Contract
- Tort
- The legal system of England and Wales
- Constitutional and administrative law

### The FLK2 covers:

- Property practice
- Wills and the administration of estates
- Solicitors' accounts
- Land law
- Trusts
- Criminal law and practice

FLK is subject to change by the SRA. As of May 2023, this information is correct but to see the latest information, visit the [SRA's website](http://sra.org.uk).

## SQE2

The SQE2 assessment tests your practical legal skills and focuses on professionalism and ethics. You'll need to complete both an oral exam in advocacy and interview and attendance as well as a written exam in case and matter analysis, legal research, drafting and writing. As in SQE1, you will be assessed on how well you can identify relevant legal principles as well as your application of legal knowledge. The examiners will look at how well you apply your understanding, critical thinking, and analysis skills to solve problems.

**You will also be assessed in specific practice areas which are:**

- Criminal Litigation
- Dispute Resolution
- Property Practice
- Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice
- Business organisations, rules and procedures

## HOW MUCH DO THE SQE ASSESSMENTS COST?

**Fees for assessments taken from September 2024:**

- SQE1 - £1,888  
(£944 for FLK1 and £944 for FLK2)
- SQE2 - £2,902

These fees are subject to change by the SRA. To see the latest fee, visit the [SRA's website](#).

### Results and resits

You'll get your results for the SQE1 assessments around five to six weeks after sitting the exam, and your results for the SQE2 assessments around 14 to 18 weeks after.

If you need to resit, note that you'll only be allowed to resit both the SQE1 and SQE2 three times each, all within six years of the first assessment you sit.

### SQE2 ORAL ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

<b>Day 1</b>	Runs between 8am and 8pm but candidates attend for 4.5 to 7 hours within this window.	Advocacy (Dispute Resolution)  Interview and attendance note/legal analysis (Property Practice)
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Session 3:</b> 1 hour 30 minutes <b>Scheduled break:</b> 15 minutes <b>Session 4:</b> 1 hour 30 minutes	Advocacy (Criminal Litigation)  Interview and attendance note/legal analysis (Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice)

### SQE2 WRITTEN ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Session 1:</b> 1 hour 30 minutes <b>Scheduled break:</b> 15 minutes <b>Session 2:</b> 1 hour 30 minutes	Dispute resolution  Criminal Litigation
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Session 3:</b> 1 hour 30 minutes <b>Scheduled break:</b> 15 minutes <b>Session 4:</b> 1 hour 30 minutes	Property Practice  Wills and Intestacy, Probate Administration and Practice
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Session 5:</b> 1 hour 30 minutes <b>Scheduled break:</b> 15 minutes <b>Session 6:</b> 1 hour 30 minutes	Business organisations, rules and procedures

# QUALIFYING WORK EXPERIENCE

## WHAT IS QUALIFYING WORK EXPERIENCE?

Qualifying Work Experience (QWE) is required to qualify as a solicitor through the SRA. You will need to obtain two years' full-time legal training. This involves undertaking legal work at an organisation which must be signed off by a solicitor of England and Wales or a Compliance Officer for Legal Practice (COLP). The solicitor or COLP will not comment on your competence or abilities; rather the length of time you worked, that you provided legal services, that you developed some or all required competences and that no issues surrounding your character occurred.

If you are already an internationally qualified solicitor, you may not need to complete or provide evidence of QWE when completing the SQE. However, you must confirm this with the SRA.

To find out more about QWE, visit [our website](#).

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN QWE AND A TRAINING CONTRACT?

The purpose of QWE and a training contract is ultimately the same: to allow you to develop your legal knowledge and skills and gain real world work experience.

The introduction of the QWE means that you'll be able to gain this experience in a much more flexible way than the training contract allowed.

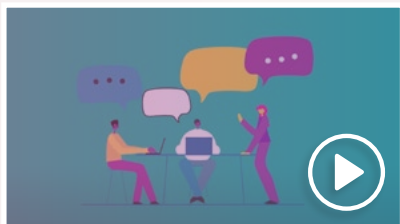
## SPEAK TO OUR CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY TEAM ABOUT QWE

To find out more about gaining QWE with us, speak to our Employability team at an [Open Day](#).

## WHAT COUNTS AS QWE?

We provided a detailed breakdown on what counts as QWE on our website, and we also answer other frequently asked questions. [Find out more](#)

## VIDEO



How our QWE programme works





## QUALIFYING WORK EXPERIENCE

To help you progress your legal training and prepare you for your career as a solicitor, we're offering four weeks guaranteed \*QWE within our Legal Advice Clinics to our LLM Legal Practice (SQE1&2) and MA Law (SQE1) students. You'll get hands on work experience with real clients at our Legal Advice Clinics and provide legal advice and representation to members of the public most in need of it.

To find out more about \*QWE, [visit our website](#).

**Myth**

**QUALIFYING WORK EXPERIENCE (QWE) CAN'T BE BACKDATED.**

### **SQE FACT**

QWE can take place before, during or after your completion of the SQE assessments. Previous relevant experience can be used as long as it is confirmed by a solicitor of England or Wales, or a Compliance Officer for Legal Practice (COLP). It's wise to keep a detailed record of your experience and how it meets the SRA's competencies.

Get the facts at [law.ac.uk/sqe-mythbusting](http://law.ac.uk/sqe-mythbusting)



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**FIN  
SQE LAW ESSENTIALS**

QWE	TRAINING CONTRACT
Part of the SQE route	Part of the LPC route
Can be completed with up to four institutions/companies	Completed at the same firm
You can choose to work in different practice areas or in just one area. Some firms provide work in a niche area if that's what you prefer.	Some firms offer multiple rotations in different practice areas or focus on just one practice area.
Can be obtained within any stage of the qualification process (e.g., while you study, before or after you sit the assessments etc.). However, you should keep a record of your own QWE and the competencies you are developing.	Obtained after completing the LPC
QWE can be gained internationally, as long as there is a suitable UK qualified solicitor to confirm.	Training contracts are carried out in the UK
	Requires you to complete a Professional Skills Training Course

\*T&Cs apply

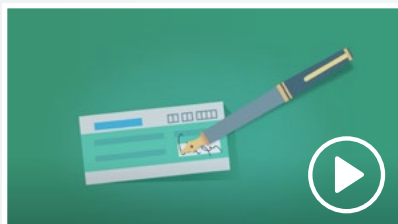
# YOUR FUNDING OPTIONS

We know that investing in a postgraduate course is no easy decision, which is why there are several options available to support you in your choice.

To explore your funding options in more detail, visit [our website](#).

<b>Postgraduate Master's Loan</b>	This is a one-time loan from the government for students in England. From 1 August 2023, you could be eligible to borrow up to £12,471. There are also similar loans for students in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
<b>Employer sponsorship</b>	Some law firms and other employers sponsor their trainees, paying course fees and living expenses.
<b>Loans from private providers</b>	You can choose to borrow a graduate loan from some high street banks. You may apply to borrow from £1,000 up to £15,000. Loans are subject to status and assessment. Contact your bank for more information of any support they can provide.
<b>Scholarships and bursaries</b>	We have over £3 million available across our scholarship fund, including full-fee scholarships for high academic achievers, and bursaries to support students during the rising cost of living.  You can also apply for scholarships external to The University, such as from the Law Society.  Find out more about our <a href="#">Scholarships and Bursaries</a> .
<b>Alumni discounts</b>	If you've studied a course with us already and want to continue your studies, you'll be eligible to receive a discount on your second course, as part of our Alumni Loyalty Scheme (terms and conditions apply).  See our <a href="#">Alumni Loyalty Scheme</a> .

## VIDEO



### Paying your course fees

We offer a number of ways to pay to make the process easier for you.

## CONVERTING TO LAW: HOW DO I USE MY POSTGRADUATE MASTER'S LOAN?

As you can only apply for one Postgraduate Master's Loan, you might be wondering how best to pay for your courses.

We offer both master's and non-master's conversion and vocational courses to help support you in your decision. See our guide showing the different routes to practise from conversion onwards, including which courses are eligible for a Postgraduate Master's Loan.

**POSTGRADUATE  
DIPLOMA IN LAW  
— (PgDL) —**

**— MA LAW —  
(CONVERSION)**

**MA LAW  
— (SQE1) —**

**LLM  
LEGAL PRACTICE  
— SQE1&2 —**

**— SQE1 —  
PREPARATION  
COURSE**

**— SQE2 —  
PREPARATION  
COURSE**

**£500  
DISCOUNT**

**£250  
DISCOUNT**

**£250  
DISCOUNT**

### KEY:

**ELIGIBLE FOR A  
POSTGRADUATE MASTER'S LOAN**

**NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A  
POSTGRADUATE MASTER'S LOAN**

**£250  
DISCOUNT**

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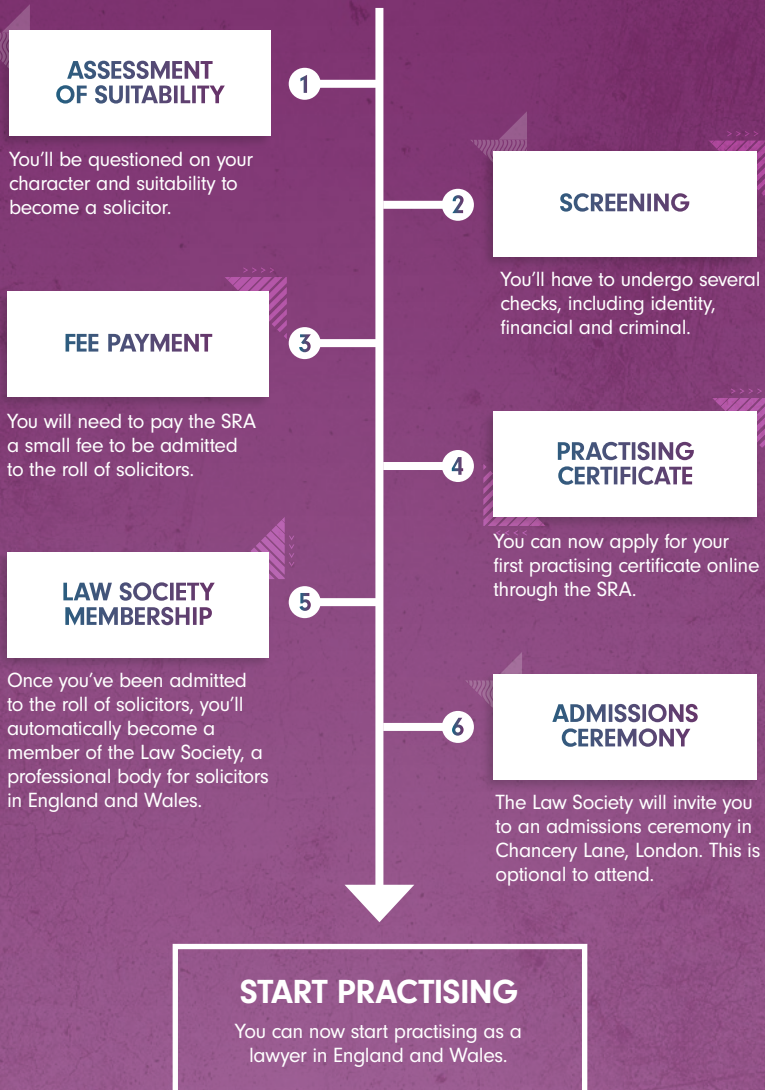
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