

SQE final design: what the SQE tests?

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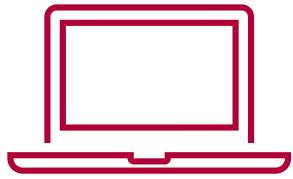
What is the SQE?



- A single rigorous assessment
- Everyone will meet the same high standards in a consistent way
- We will no longer specify routes to admission as a solicitor
- Introduced autumn 2021

SQE1

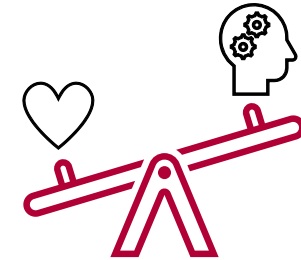
Functioning Legal Knowledge Assessments



Two 180-question examinations - 10 hours in total



FLK - test ability to identify legal principles and apply them to client problems and transactions



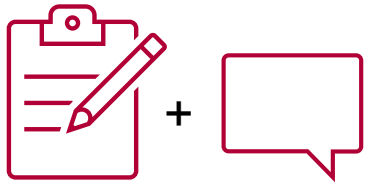
Unflagged ethics questions throughout



- Business Law and Practice
- Dispute Resolution
- Contract
- Tort
- Legal System of England and Wales
- Public Law
- Legal Services



- Property Law and Practice
- Wills and Admin of Estates
- Solicitors Accounts
- Land Law
- Trust
- Criminal Law and Practice



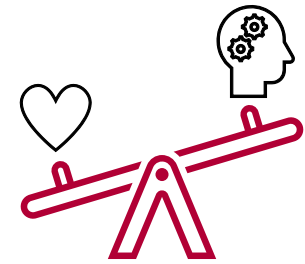
16 written and oral tests - 14 hours in total



Simulating tasks carried out by a solicitor in practice



Tests practical legal skills and functioning legal knowledge equally

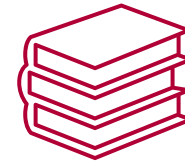


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Six skills assessed

- Client interviewing and attendance note
- Advocacy
- Case and matter analysis
- Legal research
- Legal writing
- Legal drafting



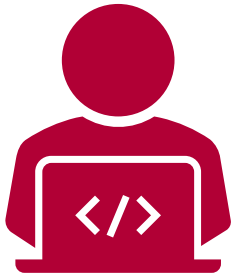
Across five contexts

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

Where is the detail?

- SQE1 Assessment Specification
- SQE1 sample questions
- SQE2 Assessment Specification
- SQE2 sample questions – coming this autumn
- Visit sra.org.uk/sqe

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