

Navigating the SQE training market

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What is the SQE?



- A single, robust, examination all aspiring solicitors will have to take
- First SQE1 assessment took place in November 2021
- Everyone will meet the same high standards in a consistent way
- We will no longer specify routes to admission as a solicitor

Our vision

- The old training market was inflexible and expensive
- We want to see the development of new and diverse pathways to qualification, which:
 - respond to the changing legal services market
 - promote a diverse profession by removing artificial and unjustifiable barriers

Choice and flexibility

- Creating more choice, flexibility and accessibility for candidates, the SQE:
 - removes requirement to complete a law degree or the Legal Practice Course
 - enables training providers to develop new and innovative forms of training.

Positive signs

Range of providers include:

- Universities
- Commercial training organisations
- Private tutors
- Legal services providers
- Producers of study materials

Range of training options include:

- LLBs & LLMs with SQE prep
- Standalone SQE courses
- Apprenticeships (A-level or graduate entry)
- Remote, face to face or blended learning
- Self-study materials

Range of price points, for example:

- £500-£1000 for short prep courses.
- £3,000 for longer prep courses
- £9,250 for LLBs
- >£10,000 for some LLMs
- £225 for self-study

Supporting candidates

- Guidance to help candidates about choosing a provider making informed choices about their provider and training

sra.org.uk/choosing-training-provider

Supporting candidates

This guidance is designed to help candidates:

- Understand different types of training provider
- Make sure training is comprehensive
- Choose a study approach that suits them
- Understand how different types of training can be funded, and assess relevant financial information about providers
- Assess information about training quality
- Choose a provider that can effectively meet their individual support needs

What you can do

- Make sure course content covers all elements of SQE1 and/or SQE2
- Choose a provider and study approach that meets your needs and preferences - may be different for SQE1 and SQE2
- Research providers and engage with them about course content, training quality and reasonable adjustments

Information to help you

Make use of available information including:

- sra.org.uk/sqe-list
- [@careerinlaw](#) on Facebook and Instagram
- sra.org.uk/apprenticeships
- Solicitors Regulation Authority on YouTube

Supporting candidates: other work

- Data on candidate performance
- Data on provider pass rates