



## ACCESSING LAW

### EMBEDDING REAL WORLD QUESTIONS FOR TOMORROW'S PROFESSIONALS

#### NEW ROUTE TO QUALIFICATION

The SQE will be the centralised assessment for anyone who wants to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales. It will be part of a new, four-stage route to becoming a solicitor:

- A degree (or equivalent) in any subject
- Pass SQE1 and SQE2 assessments
- A minimum of two years Qualifying Work Experience (QWE)
- Show you are of satisfactory character and suitability

**SQE assessments will test functional legal knowledge and practical skills.**

#### Further reading

The Solicitor Regulatory Authority has introduced this new route to make the profession fairer and more accessible.

<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/policy/solicitors-qualifying-examination/edi-risk-assessment/>

- [Diversity in the legal profession](#)

- Competition for [solicitor training contracts](#) and [barrister pupillages](#).

- Find out more about the SQE and proposed programmes to support preparation at The University of Law [SQE webpages](#)

#### RESOURCES TO SUPPORT NAVIGATION AND PREPARATION

You can find specialised resources and events on our [schools and colleges](#) and [events pages](#).

#### Careers guides and podcasts

Each of our career guides in [Law](#), [Criminology](#), [Policing](#) and [Business](#), and online [Career Finder](#) tool give examples of the career pathways students could take after studying a degree in these areas. Students will find some useful employability tips too. Our [podcasts](#) are a series of conversations about future careers and handy hints and tips to stand out from the crowd.

The [Practice Area](#) pages are particularly useful to find out more about the many different areas lawyers can work and the [Legal Careers Guide](#) gives useful links to support research and decision making.

#### Real World Questions Campaign

Our tutors answer the [big questions](#) linked to the profession.

Students are encouraged to read their blogs, join the events, take part in the debate, and enter our annual [Real World Question Essay Competition](#).

#### Functional knowledge and practical skills events

We run a number of national events such as the

[Criminal Investigation Day](#), [Explore Series](#) and the Real World Work Experience Scheme. Email [undergrad@law.ac.uk](mailto:undergrad@law.ac.uk) to be added to our mailing list to find out more about each, and to be notified of booking dates.

