

The SQE Route To Qualification

WHY IS THE ROUTE TO QUALIFICATION CHANGING?

The route to qualifying as a solicitor in the UK is changing with the transition to the Solicitor's Qualifying Examination (SQE) route, introduced to the legal sector in September 2021. The SQE consists of two new assessments, SQE1 & SQE2, which must be passed in addition to gaining the required qualifying work experience through our training contract.

HOW WILL LATHAM STRUCTURE THE SQE ROUTE TO QUALIFICATION?

Latham & Watkins offers world-class training to support the professional development of its people, and the new SQE route is no exception.

Prior to starting your training contract with us, we'll enrol you on a comprehensive SQE Preparation Course with Latham's chosen training provider, BPP. This is designed to set you up for success for passing the SQE assessments and for life as a trainee with the firm. Those with a non-law degree will be enrolled on a Law Foundations (PGDL) course with BPP before starting the SQE Preparation Course.

WHAT IS THE SQE PREPARATION COURSE?

The SQE Preparation Course comprises the following modules:

SQE1 Preparation

This module builds on your legal knowledge across the key areas that will be assessed in the SQE1 multiple choice assessment. Topics include:

- Business Law and Practice
- Dispute Resolution (revising Contract and Tort)
- Criminal Practice (revising Criminal Law)
- Property Law and Practice (revising Land Law)
- Wills and the Administration of Estates (revising Trusts)
- Legal Services, Professional Conduct, Taxation, and Solicitors Accounts will also be covered together with helpful revision materials for the Legal System of England and Wales.

SQE2 Preparation

This module builds on the foundations laid in the SQE1 Preparation module and prepares you for the SQE2 assessments. It offers extensive diagnostic testing and practice of SQE2 skills tasks across all of the SQE legal contexts. You will get live, intensive coaching workshops that simulate SQE2 exam experiences, with personalised feedback.

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Once you have taken the SQE assessments there will be an additional module, 'essentials for practice', designed specifically for Latham & Watkins trainees. In this module, you will develop knowledge beyond the specification, across a range of specialist legal practice areas aligned to the firm.

As part of this, you will study an additional Business of Law module, focused on developing your commercial awareness and understanding of how legal services are delivered.



Start Date

September

Duration

11 months (September – August)

Location

Holborn, London

Teaching

In-person teaching with on-line resources

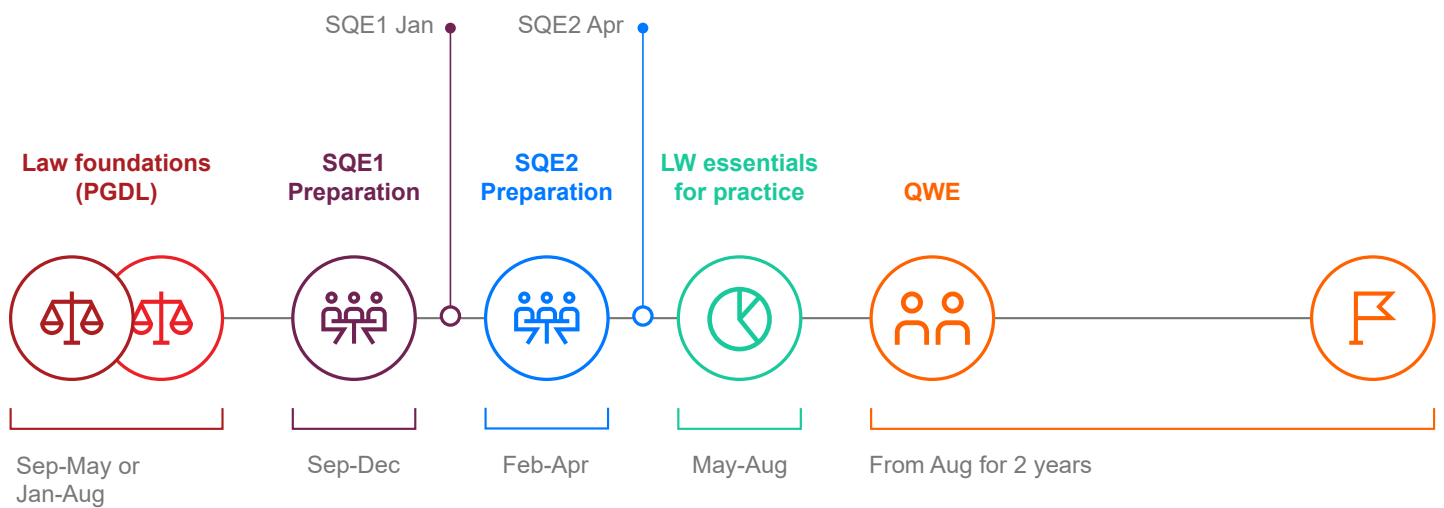
Qualification Achieved

Master of Laws in Legal Practice
(Solicitor) (Awarded by BPP University)

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We are in the process of designing this module with BPP, so that it reflects the firm's key clients, sectors and demands, as well as our unique brand and culture. We look forward to publishing further details in due course.

HOW WILL YOU LEARN?

- Collaborating with peers in classrooms
- Attending regular workshops, facilitated by expert subject matter tutors
- A virtual practice environment will deliver learning in the context of realistic briefs and case handling, to mirror legal practice in a firm
- An innovative learning platform, BPP Adapt, will track your progress, understand your strengths and target areas for improvement
- Support and direction from a dedicated personal tutor
- 24/7 access to learning materials and resources through "The Hub", BPP's learning environment
- Volunteering opportunities for a range of pro bono projects which will enhance the skills and knowledge you are developing on the course

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

You will sit the external SRA centralised SQE assessments during the programme. To help you prepare, you will sit internal BPP assessments that will also count towards your University academic award:

SQE1 Preparation

Mock multiple choice assessments reflecting the topics and style of SQE1 and submit a portfolio of skills and a reflective statement demonstrating how you developed core legal skills.

SQE2 Preparation

Assessment through a reflective statement and a portfolio of evidence linked to the skills that are assessed in SQE2.

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Variety of assessment formats to measure the development of your specialist knowledge and practice focused skills.

HOW WILL WE SUPPORT YOU?

- Law Foundations (PGDL) and SQE Preparation course fees are fully covered
- SQE assessment fees are fully covered
- Reimbursement of fees will be provided if you have already completed these courses or assessments
- A maintenance grant will be provided

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