



**SQE1 November 2021 Statistical Report**

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The Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) is a single rigorous assessment for all aspiring solicitors. It consists of two parts: SQE1, which tests candidates' functioning legal knowledge and SQE2 which tests candidates' practical legal skills. The first SQE1 assessments ran on 8 and 11 November 2021.

This report includes statistics that provide some simple feedback on the assessments and their performance. The table below shows the number of candidates, the passing score, and the overall pass rate for FLK1 and 2. It also shows the number of candidates who sat both parts of SQE1 and their pass rate.

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>FLK1</b>	<b>FLK2</b>	<b>SQE1 overall</b>
Candidate	1084	1078	1073
Passing Score	57%	56%	NA
Pass Rate	67%	54%	53%

### Descriptive Statistics

The following table shows the average (mean) score, the standard deviation, median, minimum, maximum and range of observed scores for FLK1 and 2.

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>FLK1</b>	<b>FLK2</b>
Mean %	61.2	56.8
Std. Dev %	12.6	13.9
Median %	62	58
Min %	21	22
Max %	89	89
Range %	68	67

## Quintile Distributions

These tables show the scores for FLK1 and FLK2 divided into quintiles. Each quintile indicates the range of scores achieved by a fifth of the candidates, with Q1 showing the top fifth and Q5 showing the bottom fifth of scores.

<b>Quintile Boundaries for the FLK1 test</b>	
Quintile 5	21% to 50%
Quintile 4	51% to 58%
Quintile 3	59% to 65%
Quintile 2	66% to 71%
Quintile 1	72% to 89%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for the FLK2 test</b>	
Quintile 5	22% to 43%
Quintile 4	44% to 52%
Quintile 3	53% to 61%
Quintile 2	62% to 68%
Quintile 1	69% to 89%

## Performance by Practice Area

These charts show the scores for different practice areas within FLK1 and FLK2 divided into quintiles. Each quintile shows the range of scores achieved by a fifth of the candidates, with Q1 showing the top fifth and Q5 showing the bottom fifth of scores.

### FLK1 Theme Quintiles

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Business Law &amp; Practice (FLK1)</b>	
Quintile 5	10% to 46%
Quintile 4	47% to 56%
Quintile 3	57% to 62%
Quintile 2	63% to 72%
Quintile 1	73% to 97%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Dispute Resolution (FLK1)</b>	
Quintile 5	13% to 44%
Quintile 4	45% to 51%
Quintile 3	52% to 60%
Quintile 2	61% to 67%
Quintile 1	68% to 97%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Contract Law (FLK1)</b>	
Quintile 5	11% to 55%
Quintile 4	56% to 66%
Quintile 3	67% to 77%
Quintile 2	78% to 84%
Quintile 1	85% to 100%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Tort (FLK1)</b>	
Quintile 5	12% to 43%
Quintile 4	44% to 51%
Quintile 3	52% to 63%
Quintile 2	64% to 71%
Quintile 1	72% to 96%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Legal System (FLK1)</b>	
Quintile 5	13% to 47%
Quintile 4	48% to 57%
Quintile 3	58% to 64%
Quintile 2	65% to 73%
Quintile 1	74% to 97%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Legal Services (FLK1)</b>	
Quintile 5	13% to 47%
Quintile 4	48% to 57%
Quintile 3	58% to 61%
Quintile 2	62% to 70%
Quintile 1	71% to 92%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Ethics (FLK1)</b>	
Quintile 5	17% to 57%
Quintile 4	58% to 74%
Quintile 3	75% to 82%
Quintile 2	Shared with Quintile 1
Quintile 1	83% to 100%

FLK2 Theme Quintiles

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Ethics (FLK2)</b>	
Quintile 5	0% to 45%
Quintile 4	46% to 61%
Quintile 3	62% to 68%
Quintile 2	69% to 84%
Quintile 1	85% to 100%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Property Practice (FLK2)</b>	
Quintile 5	6% to 33%
Quintile 4	34% to 43%
Quintile 3	44% to 52%
Quintile 2	53% to 62%
Quintile 1	63% to 91%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Wills &amp; Intestacy (FLK2)</b>	
Quintile 5	14% to 40%
Quintile 4	41% to 51%
Quintile 3	52% to 61%
Quintile 2	62% to 68%
Quintile 1	69% to 97%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Land Law (FLK2)</b>	
Quintile 5	7% to 40%
Quintile 4	41% to 55%
Quintile 3	56% to 66%
Quintile 2	67% to 77%
Quintile 1	78% to 100%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Trust Law (FLK2)</b>	
Quintile 5	7% to 40%
Quintile 4	41% to 51%
Quintile 3	52% to 62%
Quintile 2	63% to 69%
Quintile 1	70% to 96%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Criminal Liability (FLK2)</b>	
Quintile 5	24% to 55%
Quintile 4	56% to 67%
Quintile 3	68% to 79%
Quintile 2	80% to 87%
Quintile 1	88% to 100%

<b>Quintile Boundaries for Criminal Law &amp; Practice (FLK2)</b>	
Quintile 5	11% to 36%
Quintile 4	37% to 43%
Quintile 3	44% to 51%
Quintile 2	52% to 58%
Quintile 1	59% to 96%

### Pass Rates

The following tables show pass rates based on the responses provided by candidates in the online diversity survey completed ahead of registering for the assessment. Mean scores and pass rates are not reported for groups with fewer than 10 candidates.

What is your ethnic group?	Candidates		FLK1	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Asian / Asian British	343	32	57	53
Black / Black British	70	6	57	54
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	50	5	63	74
Other ethnic group	75	7	57	53
White	464	43	65	79
Prefer not to say	82	8	63	74

What is your ethnic group?	Candidates		FLK2	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Asian / Asian British	342	32	53	44
Black / Black British	67	6	53	39
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	50	5	59	64
Other ethnic group	75	7	52	41
White	461	43	61	67
Prefer not to say	83	8	56	48

What is your ethnic group?	Candidates		SQE1
	n	%	Pass Rate %
Asian / Asian British	340	32	43
Black / Black British	67	6	39
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	50	5	58
Other ethnic group	74	7	41
White	460	43	66
Prefer not to say	82	8	49

<b>Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?</b>	<b>FLK1</b>			
	<b>Candidates</b>		<b>Mean %</b>	<b>Pass Rate %</b>
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>		
Yes	55	5	62	71
No	969	89	61	66
Prefer not to say	60	6	63	75

<b>Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?</b>	<b>FLK2</b>			
	<b>Candidates</b>		<b>Mean %</b>	<b>Pass Rate %</b>
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>		
Yes	53	5	58	55
No	964	89	57	54
Prefer not to say	61	6	58	56

<b>Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?</b>	<b>SQE1</b>		
	<b>Candidates</b>		<b>Pass Rate %</b>
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	
Yes	53	5	55
No	960	89	53
Prefer not to say	60	6	57

<b>What is your sex?</b>	<b>FLK1</b>			
	<b>Candidates</b>		<b>Mean %</b>	<b>Pass Rate %</b>
	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>		
Female	683	63	61	67
Male	376	35	61	65
Prefer not to say	25	2	63	76



What is your sex?	Candidates		FLK2	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Female	676	63	57	55
Male	376	35	56	54
Prefer not to say	26	2	59	46

What is your sex?	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%	
Female	674	63	54
Male	374	35	54
Prefer not to say	25	2	48

Which age category are you in?	Candidates		FLK1	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	187	17	57	55
25 - 34	629	58	63	72
35 - 44	172	16	60	64
45 - 54	55	5	61	64
55 - 64	17	2	58	47
65 +	4	<1	-	-
Prefer not to say	20	2	65	75

Which age category are you in?	Candidates		FLK2	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	182	17	55	46
25 - 34	628	58	58	59
35 - 44	169	16	55	51
45 - 54	56	5	56	50
55 - 64	18	2	55	39
65 +	4	<1	-	-
Prefer not to say	21	2	60	57

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	Candidates n	%	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	182	17	45
25 - 34	626	58	57
35 - 44	169	16	51
45 - 54	55	5	51
55 - 64	17	2	41
65 +	4	<1	-
Prefer not to say	20	2	60

Did either of your parents attend university by the time you were 18?	FLK1			
	Candidates n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	462	43	63	72
No, neither of my parents attended university	480	44	60	63
Do not know / not sure	25	2	55	44
Prefer not to say	117	11	61	66

Did either of your parents attend university by the time you were 18?	FLK2			
	Candidates n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	455	42	59	60
No, neither of my parents attended university	481	45	56	51
Do not know / not sure	25	2	50	32
Prefer not to say	117	11	56	50

<b>Did either of your parents attend university by the time you were 18?</b>	SQE1		
	Candidates n	%	Pass Rate %
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	454	42	58
No, neither of my parents attended university	478	45	51
Do not know / not sure	25	2	28
Prefer not to say	116	11	51

<b>Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?</b>	FLK1			
	Candidates n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Yes	619	57	62	71
No	199	18	58	53
Prefer not to say	266	25	63	68

<b>Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?</b>	FLK2			
	Candidates n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Yes	619	57	58	58
No	194	18	54	46
Prefer not to say	265	25	57	53

<b>Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?</b>	SQE1		
	Candidates n	%	Pass Rate %
Yes	616	57	57
No	194	18	43
Prefer not to say	263	25	53

What is your highest level of education?	Candidates		FLK1	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Qualifications below degree level	18	2	59	56
At least an undergraduate degree	988	91	61	68
Not applicable	29	3	58	66
Prefer not to say	49	5	58	53

What is your highest level of education?	Candidates		FLK2	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Qualifications below degree level	18	2	58	61
At least an undergraduate degree	981	91	57	56
Not applicable	29	3	51	34
Prefer not to say	50	5	51	34

What is your highest level of education?	Candidates		SQE1
	n	%	Pass Rate %
Qualifications below degree level	18	2	56
At least an undergraduate degree	977	91	55
Not applicable	29	3	34
Prefer not to say	49	5	35

What was your undergraduate degree classification?	Candidates		FLK1	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
1st	165	15	68	84
2:1	458	42	63	72
2:2	161	15	54	45
3rd	13	1	48	31
Distinction	17	2	65	71
Commendation	3	<1	-	-
Pass	27	2	57	52
Prefer not to say	54	5	55	46
Not applicable	90	8	63	77

What was your undergraduate degree classification?	Candidates		FLK2	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
1st	163	15	65	78
2:1	452	42	58	61
2:2	161	15	49	32
3rd	14	1	44	7
Distinction	16	1	61	63
Commendation	3	<1	-	-
Pass	27	3	52	41
Prefer not to say	55	5	50	31
Not applicable	90	8	59	61

What was your undergraduate degree classification?	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%	
1st	163	15	77
2:1	451	42	59
2:2	160	15	31
3rd	13	1	8
Distinction	16	1	63
Commendation	3	-	-
Pass	27	3	41
Prefer not to say	54	5	31
Not applicable	90	8	59

Are you a qualified lawyer?	Candidates		FLK1	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Yes	276	25	61	67
No	808	75	61	67

Are you a qualified lawyer?	Candidates		FLK2	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
Yes	273	25	56	48
No	805	75	57	56

Are you a qualified lawyer?	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%	
Yes	273	25	48
No	800	75	56

Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?	Candidates		FLK1	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
State-run or state-funded school	325	30	62	68
State-run or state-funded school - selective	135	12	62	70
Independent or fee-paying school	97	9	61	64
Independent or fee-paying school (bursary covering 90% or more of tuition)	18	2	66	78
Attended school outside the UK	395	36	61	65
I don't know	6	1	-	-
Other	5	<1	-	-
Prefer not to say	103	10	61	69

Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?	Candidates		FLK2	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
State-run or state-funded school	324	30	58	57
State-run or state-funded school - selective	133	12	58	60
Independent or fee-paying school	95	9	57	56
Independent or fee-paying school (bursary covering 90% or more of tuition)	18	2	60	67
Attended school outside the UK	394	37	56	51
I don't know	5	<1	-	-
Other	5	<1	-	-
Prefer not to say	104	10	56	50

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	Candidates n	%	Pass Rate %
State-run or state-funded school	322	30	57
State-run or state-funded school - selective	133	12	59
Independent or fee-paying school	95	9	54
Independent or fee-paying school (bursary covering 90% or more of tuition)	18	2	67
Attended school outside the UK	392	37	49
I don't know	5	<1	-
Other	5	<1	-
Prefer not to say	103	10	50

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?	Candidates		FLK1	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
	Professional background	524	48	62
Intermediate background	160	15	61	68
Working class background	160	15	61	69
Other background	38	4	60	58
Prefer not to say	202	19	60	64

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?	Candidates		FLK2	
	n	%	Mean %	Pass Rate %
	Professional background	517	48	58
Intermediate background	160	15	57	53
Working class background	160	15	57	55
Other background	38	4	55	53
Prefer not to say	203	19	55	49

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	n	%	Pass Rate %
	Professional background	515	48
Intermediate background	159	15	53
Working class background	159	15	54
Other background	38	4	50
Prefer not to say	202	19	49