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# **SQE1 July 2024 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 and knowledge.

This report includes statistics that provide some simple feedback on the July 2024 SQE1 assessments and their performance. The table below shows the number of candidates, the passing score, and the overall pass rate for FLK1 and FLK2. It also shows the number of candidates who sat both parts of SQE1 and their pass rate.

Statistic	FLK1	FLK2	SQE1
Passing Score	300	300	-
Candidates (All)	5332	5519	5006
Pass Rate (All Candidates)	55%	50%	44%
Candidates (First attempt only)	4224	4209	4168
Pass Rate (First attempt only)	57%	52%	48%

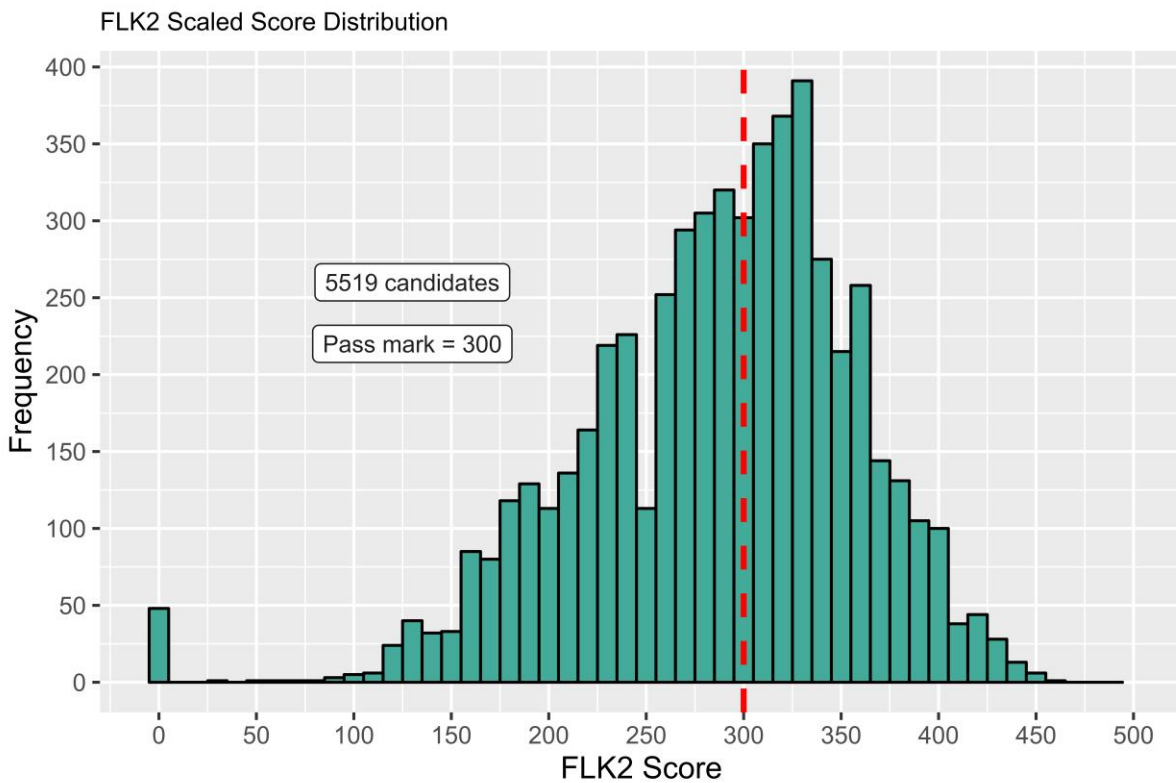
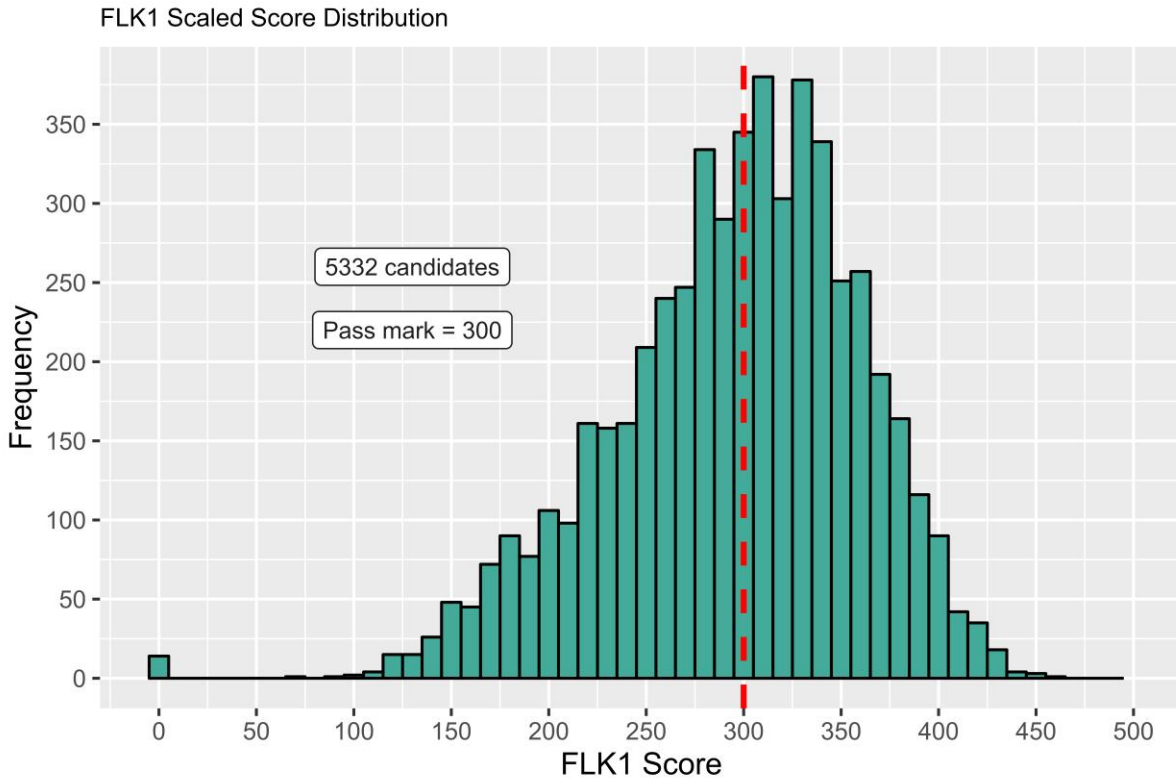
## Descriptive Statistics

The following table shows the average (mean) score, the standard deviation, median score, minimum score, maximum score and range of observed scores for FLK1 and FLK2.

Statistic	FLK1	FLK2
Mean	295.7	287.2
SD	63.9	71.4
Median	305	300
Min	0	0
Max	459	458
Range	459	458

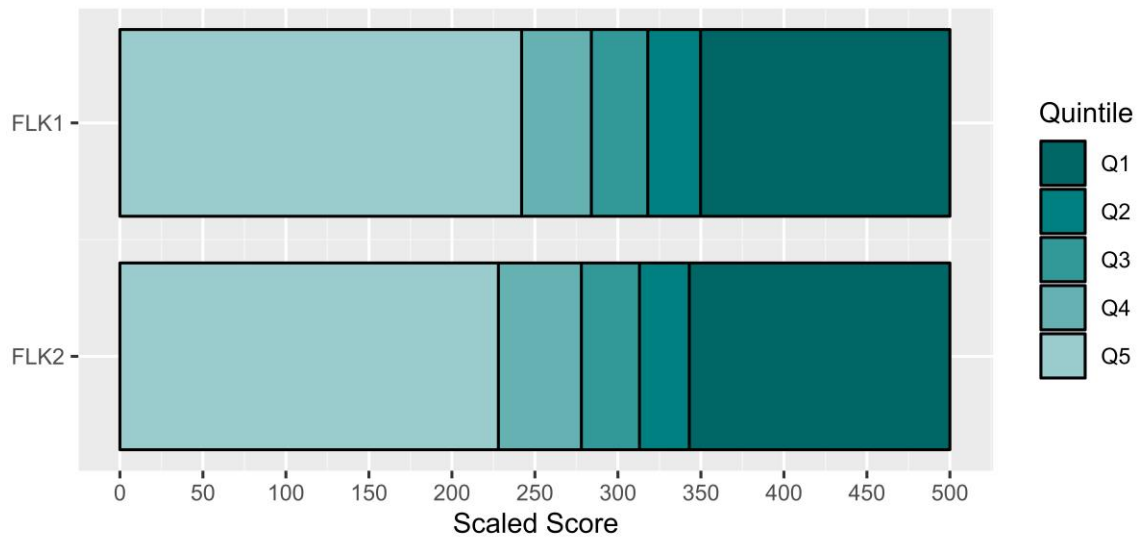
## Score Distribution Charts

The following charts shows the distribution of scores for FLK1 and FLK2, with a red line showing the passing score required for each assessment.



## Score Quintile Chart

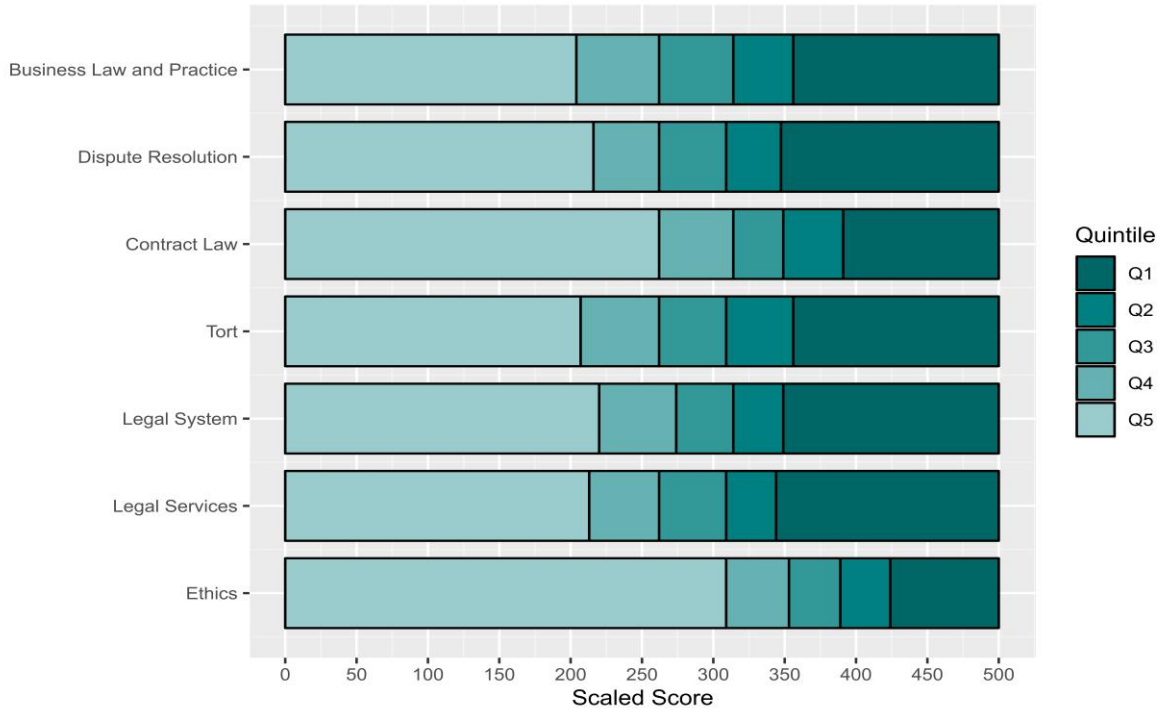
This chart shows the quintile score ranges for FLK1 and FLK2, with a minimum possible score of 0 and a maximum possible score of 500. A fifth of candidates fall within each quintile, with Q1 showing the top fifth and Q5 showing the bottom fifth of candidates.



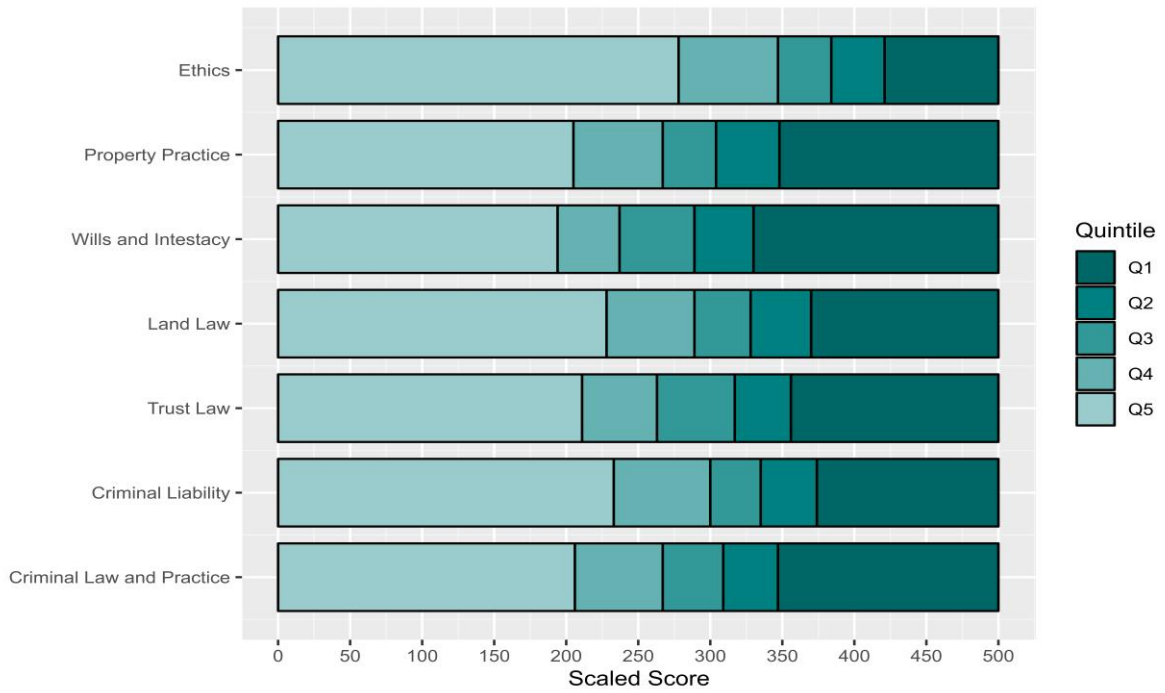
## Performance by Practice Area

These charts show the scores for the different practice areas within FLK1 and FLK2, with a minimum possible score of 0 and a maximum possible score of 500. A fifth of candidates fall within each quintile, with Q1 showing the top fifth and Q5 showing the bottom fifth of candidates.

FLK1 Practice Areas



FLK2 Practice Areas



## Pass Rates

The SRA collects diversity and socio-economic data to help understand how candidates with different characteristics and backgrounds perform in the assessments. The data categories are consistent with data collected by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and the Social Mobility Commission.

Based on responses to the online diversity survey, completed ahead of assessment registration, the following is provided in each table for FLK1 and FLK2:

- Proportion of candidates in each group (Candidates %)
- Average score within each group (Mean Score)
- Pass rate for each group (Pass Rate %)

The proportion of candidates along with the pass rate is also provided for SQE1.

These tables provide data for the first attempt candidates, with data not reported for groups with fewer than 10 candidates (rows in grey). Performance of all candidates, including resitting candidates, will be presented in the SQE Annual Report.

### What is your ethnic group?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Asian / Asian British	29	287	50	29	274	45	29	42
Black / Black British	8	270	37	8	262	31	8	28
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	5	311	62	5	302	58	5	52
Other ethnic group	6	283	48	6	270	45	6	42
White	44	314	66	44	307	62	44	57
Prefer not to say	8	297	55	8	278	46	8	44

### Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes	7	305	58	7	299	53	6	49
No	86	298	57	86	288	52	87	48
Prefer not to say	7	308	64	7	296	56	7	53

### What is your sex?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Female	63	294	54	63	286	50	63	46
Male	35	307	62	35	294	56	35	52
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	311	64	2	294	54	2	52

### What age category are you in?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	31	297	56	31	293	53	31	48
25 - 34	49	304	60	49	292	55	49	51
35 - 44	14	296	55	14	278	45	14	42
45 - 54	4	275	44	4	268	39	4	34
55 - 64	<1	251	41	<1	230	29	<1	24
65 +	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	302	59	2	285	53	2	50

### What is your religion or belief?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Buddhist	2	300	58	2	288	58	2	55
Christian	28	294	53	28	285	48	28	43
Hindu	5	277	42	5	265	40	5	36
Jewish	1	331	75	1	327	70	1	65
Muslim	11	259	32	11	251	29	11	25
Sikh	1	267	41	1	257	37	1	32
No religion or belief	36	315	67	36	306	62	36	58
Other	1	293	48	1	277	43	1	38
Prefer not to say	15	311	65	15	295	57	15	54

### What is your highest level of education?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
At least an undergraduate degree	92	300	58	92	291	53	92	49
Qualifications below degree level	1	274	42	1	262	42	1	37
No formal qualifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not applicable	3	275	47	3	259	36	3	36
Prefer not to say	4	296	59	4	283	50	4	47

### What was your undergraduate degree classification?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
1st	22	332	77	22	326	74	22	71
2:1	42	298	56	42	290	52	42	47
2:2	10	256	31	10	247	24	10	22
3rd	1	243	26	1	232	18	1	18
Commendation	<1	318	67	<1	279	69	<1	67
Distinction	2	302	58	2	288	49	2	45
Pass	2	264	37	2	244	29	2	25
Prefer not to say	9	295	56	9	275	47	9	44
Not applicable	12	293	55	12	276	46	12	44

### Did either of your parents attend university by the time you were 18?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	54	308	63	54	297	57	55	53
No, neither of my parents attended university	34	287	50	34	280	46	34	42
Do not know / not sure	3	279	41	3	274	40	2	34
Prefer not to say	9	298	55	9	281	49	9	46

### What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Professional background	54	307	62	54	297	56	54	53
Intermediate background	13	293	52	13	283	47	13	43
Working class background	13	288	51	13	283	48	13	42
Other background	3	282	49	3	276	46	3	44
Prefer not to say	17	292	52	17	277	46	17	43



## Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
State-run or state-funded school - non-selective	29	297	55	29	290	52	29	47
State-run or state-funded school - selective on academic, faith or other grounds	12	297	56	12	291	51	12	47
Independent or fee-paying school	9	310	62	9	303	58	9	54
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	1	325	82	1	312	63	1	65
Attended school outside the UK	40	299	58	40	286	52	40	49
I don't know	1	276	42	1	270	38	1	38
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	8	300	58	8	283	49	8	46

## Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes	54	302	59	54	291	54	54	50
No	45	296	55	45	287	50	45	47
Prefer not to say	1	281	50	1	264	37	1	38

## Are you a qualified lawyer?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes	37	301	58	38	283	51	38	48
No	62	298	57	62	293	53	62	49
Prefer not to say	1	295	65	<1	282	50	<1	50

## Please state what your first language is:

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
English	62	300	58	62	295	54	62	50
Other	37	298	57	37	281	49	37	46
Not applicable	1	274	39	1	252	28	1	25