



# **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%

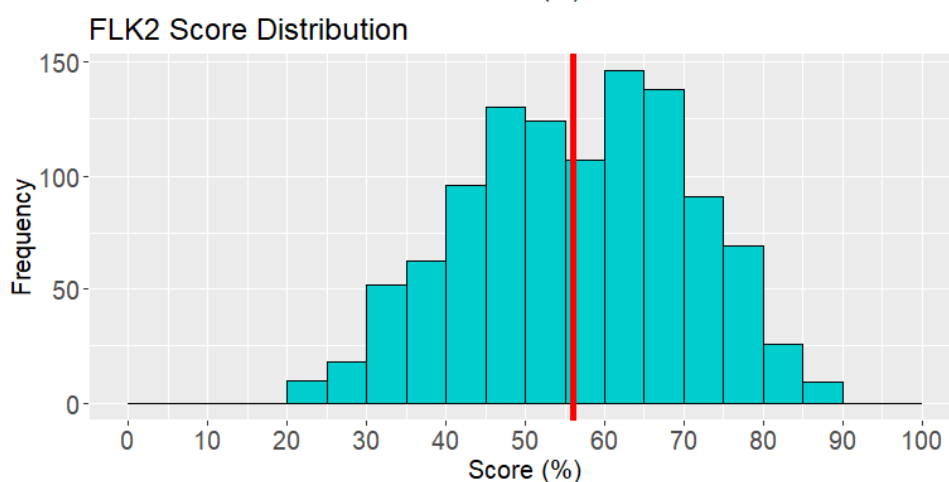
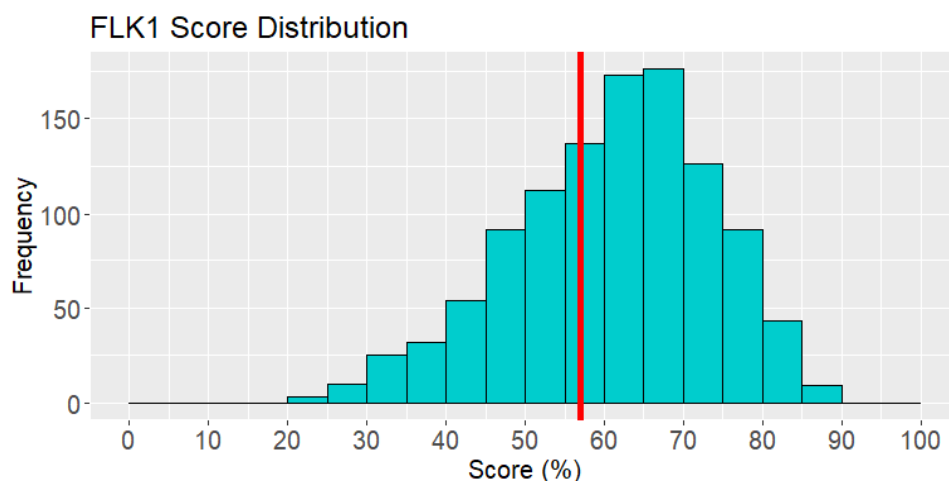
## Descriptive Statistics

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

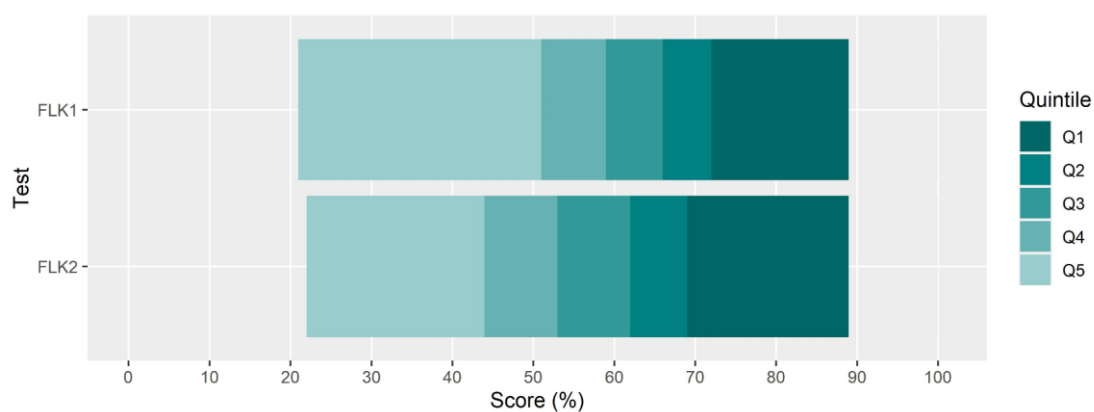
<b>Statistic</b>	<b>FLK1</b>	<b>FLK2</b>
Mean %	61.2	56.8
Std. Dev %	12.6	13.9
Median %	62	58
Min %	21	22
Max %	89	89
Range %	68	67

## Score Distribution Charts

These charts show the distribution of scores for FLK1 and 2, with a red line showing the passing score required for each assessment.

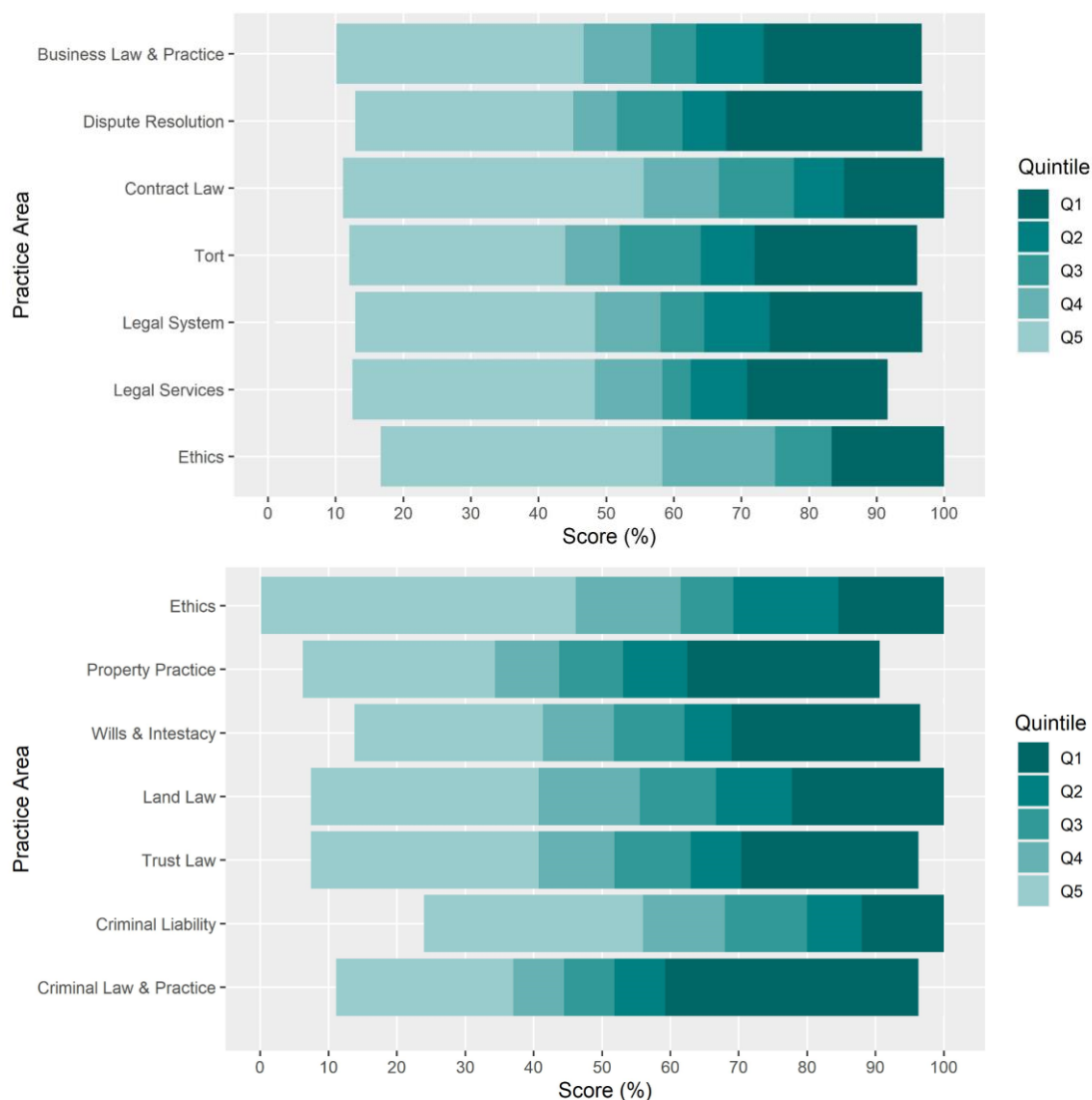


This chart shows the scores for FLK1 and FLK2 divided into quintiles. Each quintile shows the range of scores achieved by a fifth of the candidates, with Q1 showing the top fifth and Q5 showing the bottom fifth of scores.



# 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.



# 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?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
Asian / Asian British	343	32	57	53	342	32	53	44	340	32	43
Black / Black British	70	6	57	54	67	6	53	39	67	6	39
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	50	5	63	74	50	5	59	64	50	5	58
Other ethnic group	75	7	57	53	75	7	52	41	74	7	41
White	464	43	65	79	461	43	61	67	460	43	66
Prefer not to say	82	8	63	74	83	8	56	48	82	8	49

Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
Yes	55	5	62	71	53	5	58	55	53	5	55
No	969	89	61	66	964	89	57	54	960	89	53
Prefer not to say	60	6	63	75	61	6	58	56	60	6	57

What is your sex?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
Female	683	63	61	67	676	63	57	55	674	63	54
Male	376	35	61	65	376	35	56	54	374	35	54
Prefer not to say	25	2	63	76	26	2	59	46	25	2	48

Which age category are you in?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
16 - 24	187	17	57	55	182	17	55	46	182	17	45
25 - 34	629	58	63	72	628	58	58	59	626	58	57
35 - 44	172	16	60	64	169	16	55	51	169	16	51
45 - 54	55	5	61	64	56	5	56	50	55	5	51
55 - 64	17	2	58	47	18	2	55	39	17	2	41
65 +	4	<1	-	-	4	<1	-	-	4	<1	-
Prefer not to say	20	2	65	75	21	2	60	57	20	2	60

Did either of your parents attend university by the time you were 18?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	462	43	63	72	455	42	59	60	454	42	58
No, neither of my parents attended university	480	44	60	63	481	45	56	51	478	45	51
Do not know / not sure	25	2	55	44	25	2	50	32	25	2	28
Prefer not to say	117	11	61	66	117	11	56	50	116	11	51

Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
Yes	619	57	62	71	619	57	58	58	616	57	57
No	199	18	58	53	194	18	54	46	194	18	43
Prefer not to say	266	25	63	68	265	25	57	53	263	25	53

What is your highest level of education?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
Qualifications below degree level	18	2	59	56	18	2	58	61	18	2	56
At least an undergraduate degree	988	91	61	68	981	91	57	56	977	91	55
Not applicable	29	3	58	66	29	3	51	34	29	3	34
Prefer not to say	49	5	58	53	50	5	51	34	49	5	35

What was your undergraduate degree classification?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
1st	165	15	68	84	163	15	65	78	163	15	77
2:1	458	42	63	72	452	42	58	61	451	42	59
2:2	161	15	54	45	161	15	49	32	160	15	31
3rd	13	1	48	31	14	1	44	7	13	1	8
Distinction	17	2	65	71	16	1	61	63	16	1	63
Commendation	3	<1	-	-	3	<1	-	-	3	-	-
Pass	27	2	57	52	27	3	52	41	27	3	41
Prefer not to say	54	5	55	46	55	5	50	31	54	5	31
Not applicable	90	8	63	77	90	8	59	61	90	8	59

Are you a qualified lawyer?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
Yes	276	25	61	67	273	25	56	48	273	25	48
No	808	75	61	67	805	75	57	56	800	75	56

Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
State-run or state-funded school	325	30	62	68	324	30	58	57	322	30	57
State-run or state-funded school - selective	135	12	62	70	133	12	58	60	133	12	59
Independent or fee-paying school	97	9	61	64	95	9	57	56	95	9	54
Independent or fee-paying school (bursary covering 90% or more of tuition)	18	2	66	78	18	2	60	67	18	2	67
Attended school outside the UK	395	36	61	65	394	37	56	51	392	37	49
I don't know	6	1	-	-	5	<1	-	-	5	<1	-
Other	5	<1	-	-	5	<1	-	-	5	<1	-
Prefer not to say	103	10	61	69	104	10	56	50	103	10	50

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?	FLK1				FLK2				SQE1		
	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Mean %	Pass Rate %	Candidates		Pass Rate %
	n	%			n	%			n	%	
Professional background	524	48	62	68	517	48	58	57	515	48	56
Intermediate background	160	15	61	68	160	15	57	53	159	15	53
Working class background	160	15	61	69	160	15	57	55	159	15	54
Other background	38	4	60	58	38	4	55	53	38	4	50
Prefer not to say	202	19	60	64	203	19	55	49	202	19	49