

# **SQE2 January 2025 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. SQE2 can only be taken if a candidate has passed SQE1 or is exempt from it.

The tenth round of SQE2 assessments ran between 30 January and 13 February. SQE2 comprises 16 stations — 12 written stations and four oral stations — that assess both skills and application of legal knowledge.

Candidates sat one of three oral sittings each covering two consecutive days between 30 January and 7 February. All candidates then sat the same written stations on the same dates 11-13 February. To protect the integrity of the assessments, different oral stations took place on different dates with the sittings identified below.

Station Type	Sitting 1	Sitting 2	Sitting 3
Oral	30-31 January	4-5 February	6-7 February
Written	11-13 February		

This report includes statistics that provide some simple feedback on the January 2025 SQE2 assessment and the performance.

SQE2 has a single pass mark for the overall 16 station assessment. There is no pass mark for an individual station or for all of the oral stations or written stations. Find out more about [how the SQE2 is marked](#).

The table below shows the number of candidates, the passing score and the pass rate for this SQE2.

Statistic	Overall
Pass Mark	300
Candidates (all graded)	1134
Pass Rate (all graded)	75%
Candidates (first attempt)	940
Pass Rate (first attempt)	77%

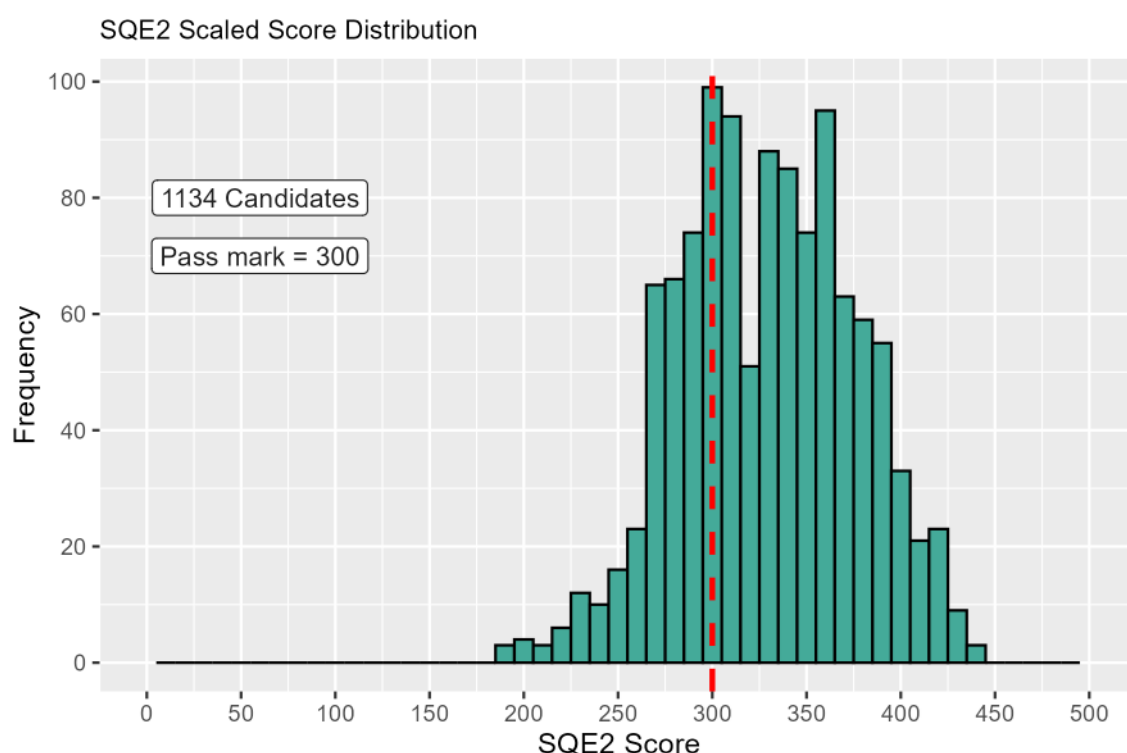
## Descriptive Statistics

The following table shows the average (mean) score, the standard deviation, median score, minimum score, maximum score and range of observed scaled scores for this SQE2.

Statistic	Overall
Mean	329.3
SD	46.1
Median	331
Min	187
Max	438
Range	251

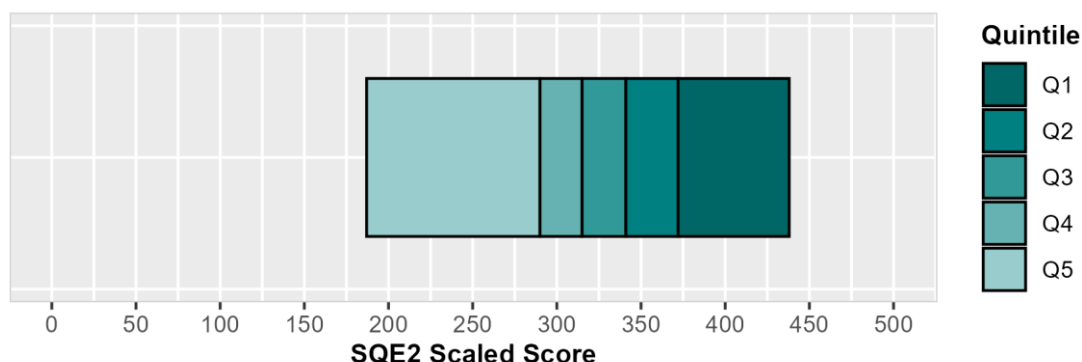
## Score Distribution Chart

The following chart shows the distribution of scaled scores for this SQE2, with a red line showing the passing score required.



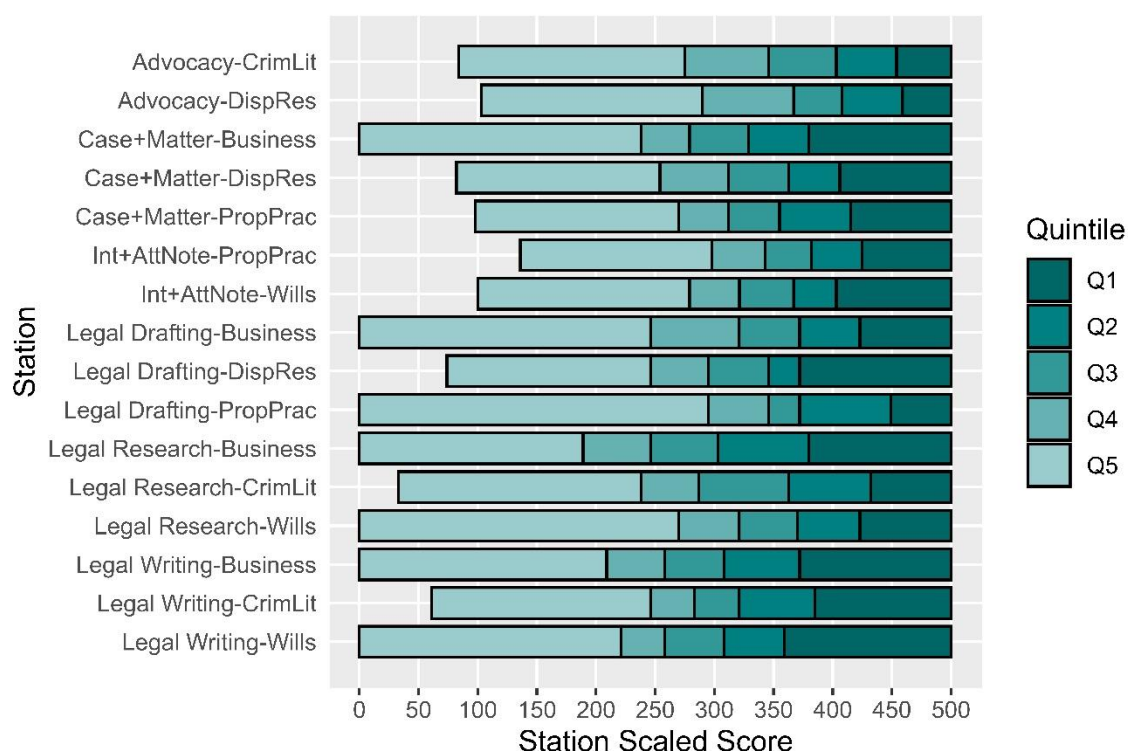
## Total Score Quintile Chart

This chart shows the quintile scaled score ranges for the total SQE2 scores. 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.



## Station Score Quintile Chart

This chart shows the quintile scaled score ranges for the 16 SQE2 stations scores. 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

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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 are provided in each table:

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

These tables provide data for candidates taking SQE2 as a first attempt. Data is not reported for groups with fewer than 10 candidates. The performance of all candidates, including resitting candidates, will be presented in the SQE Annual Report.

What is your ethnic group?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Asian / Asian British	18	318	68
Black / Black British	4	300	50
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	7	345	83
Other ethnic group	5	315	57
White	59	342	84
Prefer not to say	7	326	69

Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	11	334	80
No	78	334	77
Prefer not to say	11	332	76

What is your sex?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Female	65	334	78
Male	32	333	77
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	3	326	65

What is your religion or belief?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Buddhist	-	-	-
Christian	24	325	72
Hindu	3	329	83
Jewish	1	361	100
Muslim	9	304	51
Sikh	1	317	75
No religion or belief	46	346	86
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	16	330	74

What age category are you in?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	34	347	85
25 - 34	58	329	75
35 - 44	6	312	58
45 - 54	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	318	65

Did either of your parents attend university by the time you were 18?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	59	337	79
No, neither of my parents attended university	31	331	76
Do not know / not sure	1	314	46
Prefer not to say	9	327	76

Have you undertaken any qualified work experience?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	61	329	75
No	39	341	81
Prefer not to say	-	-	-

What is your highest level of education?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
At least an undergraduate degree	95	334	78
Qualifications below degree level	-	-	-
No formal qualifications	-	-	-
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	5	326	74

What was your undergraduate degree classification?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
1st	36	349	84
2:1	49	330	78
2:2	5	289	39
3rd	-	-	-
Commendation	-	-	-
Distinction	-	-	-
Pass	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1	307	54
Not applicable	9	321	73

Are you a qualified lawyer?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	7	319	77
No	93	335	77
Prefer not to say	-	-	-

Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
State-run or state-funded school - non-selective	35	339	81
State-run or state-funded school - selective on academic, faith or other grounds	14	329	75
Independent or fee-paying school	15	347	85
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	1	348	73
Attended school outside the UK	25	324	70
I don't know	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	10	324	72

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Professional background	57	338	80
Intermediate background	10	328	75
Working class background	15	327	73
Other background	3	338	70
Prefer not to say	15	325	73

Please state what your first language is:	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
English	77	339	81
Other	23	315	64
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	-	-	-