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SQE2 October 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 thirteenth round of SQE2 assessments ran between 30 October and 14 November. 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 October and 14 November. All candidates sat the same written stations on the same dates 4-6 November. 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 October	11-12 November	13-14 November
Written	4-6 November		

This report includes statistics that provide some simple feedback on the October 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)	1342
Pass Rate (all graded)	78%
Candidates (first attempt)	1140
Pass Rate (first attempt)	79%

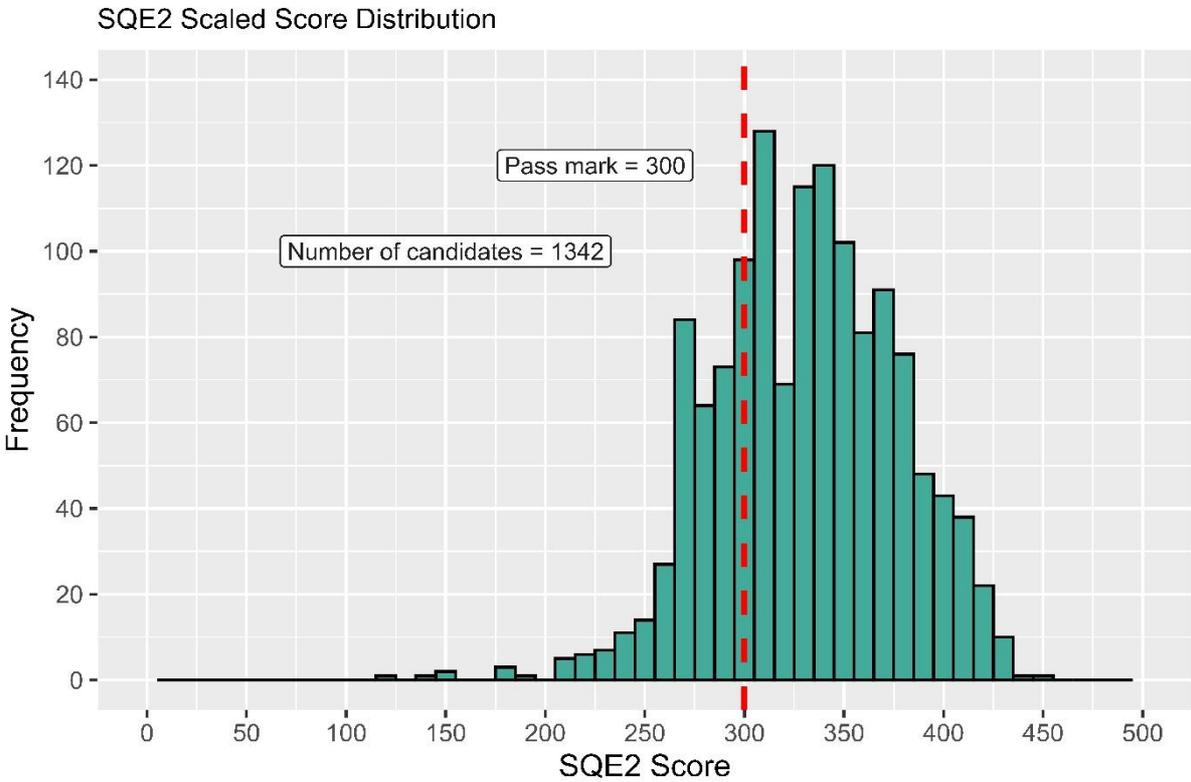
Descriptive Statistics

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	330.6
SD	45.8
Median	331
Min	123
Max	449
Range	326

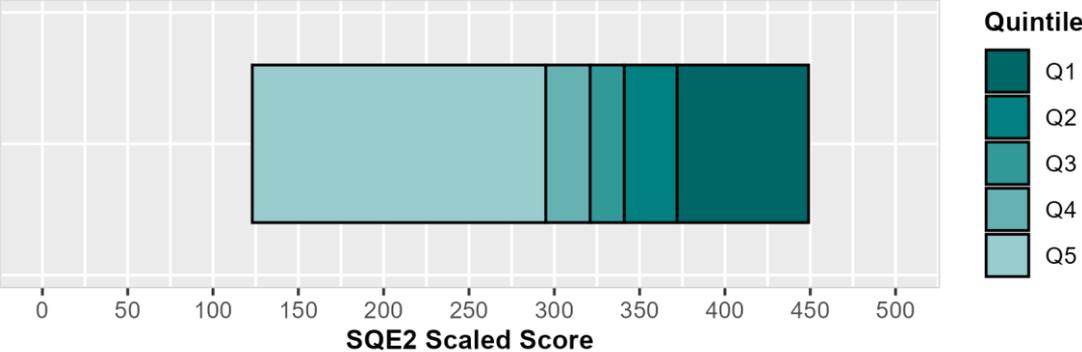
Score Distribution Chart

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



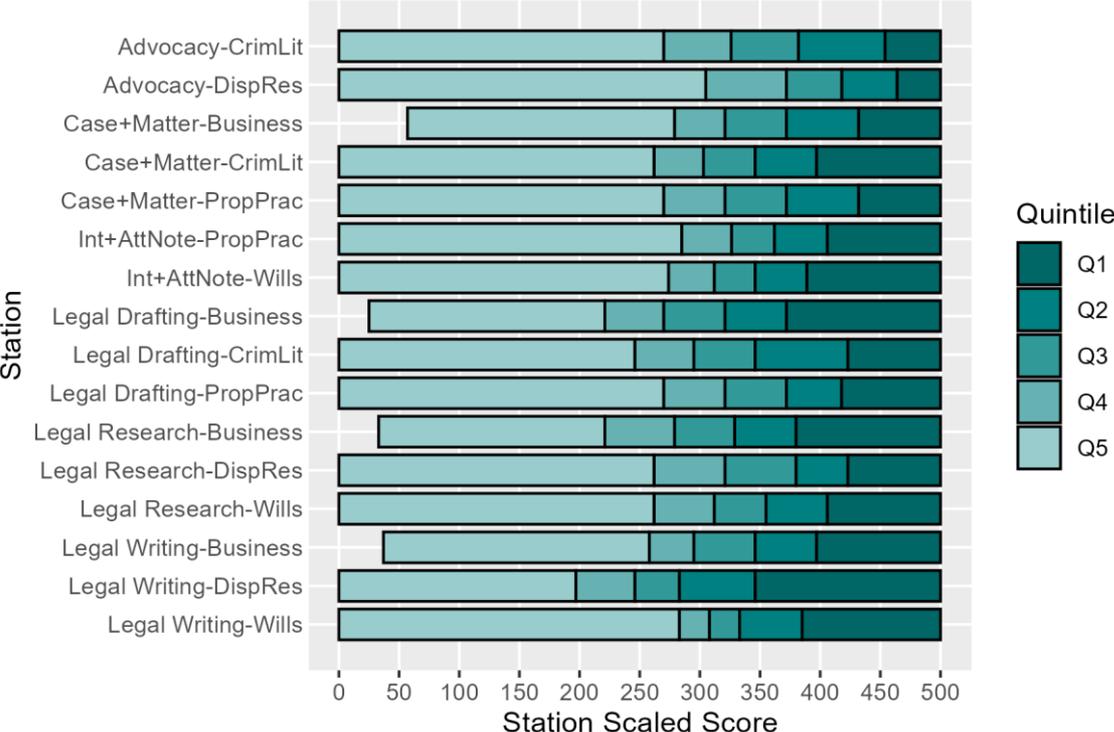
Total Score Quintile Chart

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 station 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

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 resit candidates, will be presented in the SQE Annual Report.

What is your ethnic group?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Asian / Asian British	22	328	75
Black / Black British	6	312	63
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	7	333	81
Other ethnic group	4	302	51
White	54	342	85
Prefer not to say	7	327	76

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	79
No	79	335	79
Prefer not to say	10	330	79

What is your sex?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Female	65	333	79
Male	33	335	80
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	338	81

What is your religion or belief?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Buddhist	1	328	69
Christian	27	326	75
Hindu	4	336	82
Jewish	1	345	90
Muslim	10	320	65
Sikh	2	307	57
No religion or belief	42	344	86
Other	1	320	79
Prefer not to say	12	332	79

What age category are you in?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	42	348	87
25 - 34	50	327	76
35 - 44	5	308	63
45 - 54	1	287	40
55 - 64	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	334	76

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	52	340	82
No, neither of my parents attended university	34	329	78
Do not know / not sure	2	322	76
Prefer not to say	12	327	72

Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	49	323	74
No	51	344	84
Prefer not to say	-	-	-

What is your highest level of education?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
At least an undergraduate degree	96	335	79
Qualifications below degree level	-	-	-
No formal qualifications	-	-	-
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	4	324	79

What was your undergraduate degree classification?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
1st	33	351	89
2:1	54	330	77
2:2	5	295	46
3rd	-	-	-
Commendation	-	-	-
Distinction	-	-	-
Pass	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	314	80
Not applicable	6	321	74

Are you a qualified lawyer?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	4	317	61
No	96	335	80
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	36	333	81
State-run or state-funded school - selective on academic, faith or other grounds	15	343	86
Independent or fee-paying school	17	346	84
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	-	-	-
Attended school outside the UK	20	326	72
I don't know	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	12	327	74

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Professional background	53	341	84
Intermediate background	12	326	74
Working class background	16	329	78
Other background	2	334	74
Prefer not to say	17	325	71

Please state what your first language is:	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
English	83	337	81
Other	17	320	70
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	-	-	-