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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 twelfth round of SQE2 assessments ran between 28 July and 7 August. SQE2 comprises 16 stations — 12 written stations and four oral stations — that assess both skills and application of legal knowledge.

Candidates sat one of two oral sittings each covering two consecutive days between 28 July and 31 July. All candidates then sat the same written stations on the same dates (5-7 August). To protect the integrity of the assessments, different oral stations took place on different dates with the oral sittings identified in the table below.

Station Type	Sitting 1	Sitting 2
Oral	28-29 July	30-31 July
Written	5-7 August	

This report includes statistics that provide some simple feedback on the July 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)	959
Pass Rate (all graded)	76%
Candidates (first attempt)	809
Pass Rate (first attempt)	79%

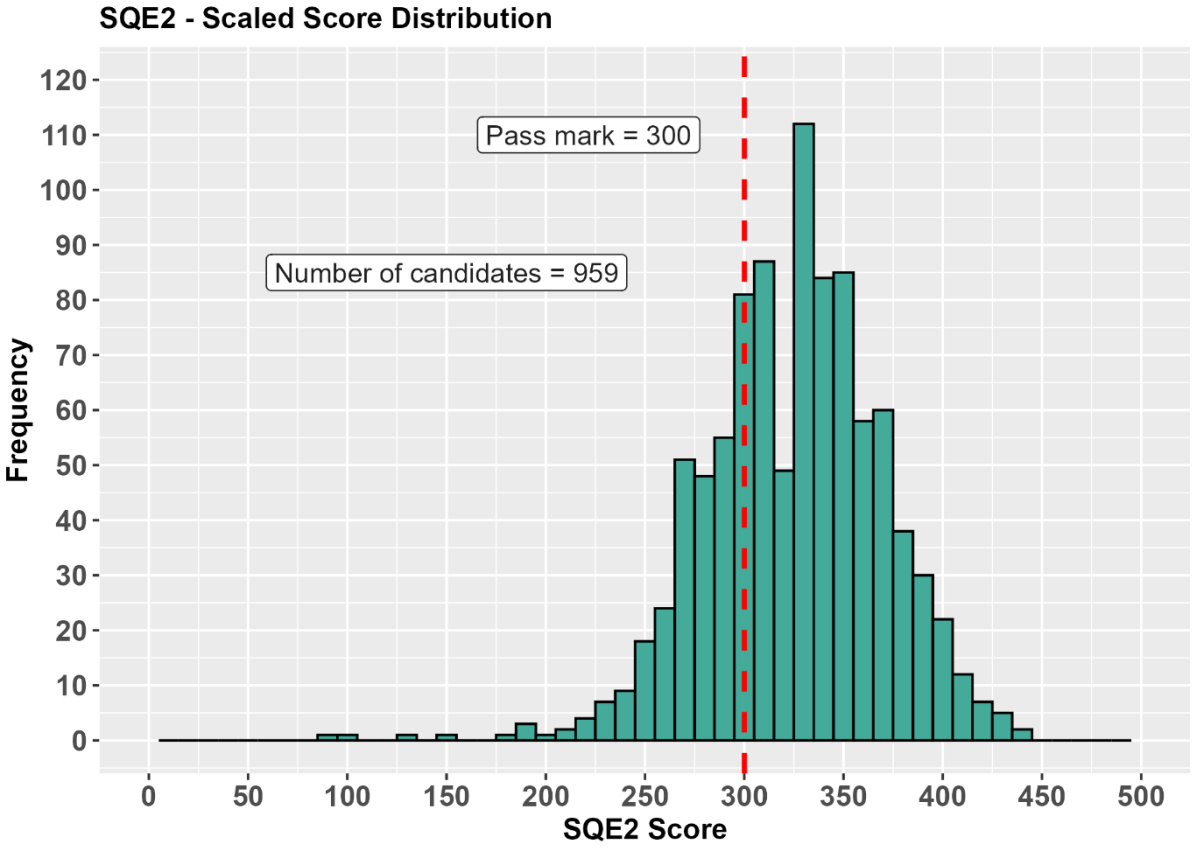
Descriptive Statistics

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	325.1
SD	44.2
Median	326
Min	89
Max	444
Range	355

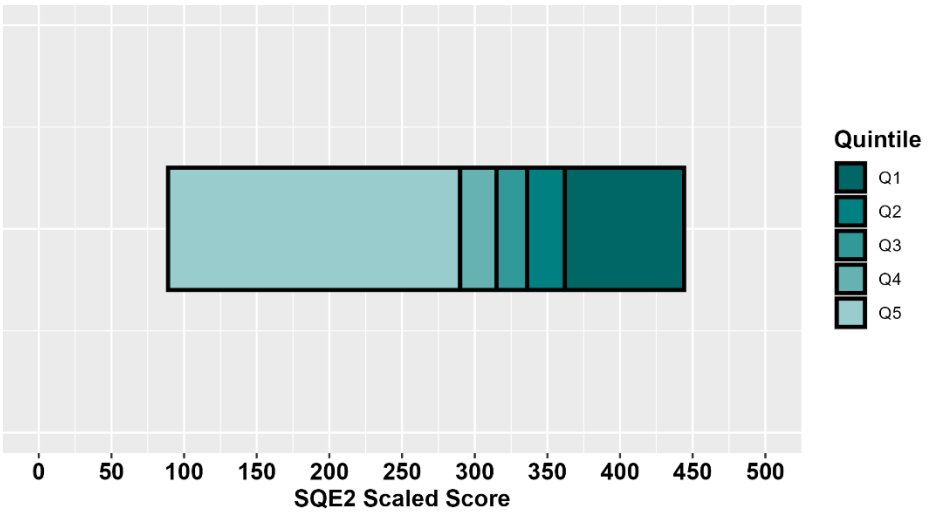
Score Distribution Chart

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



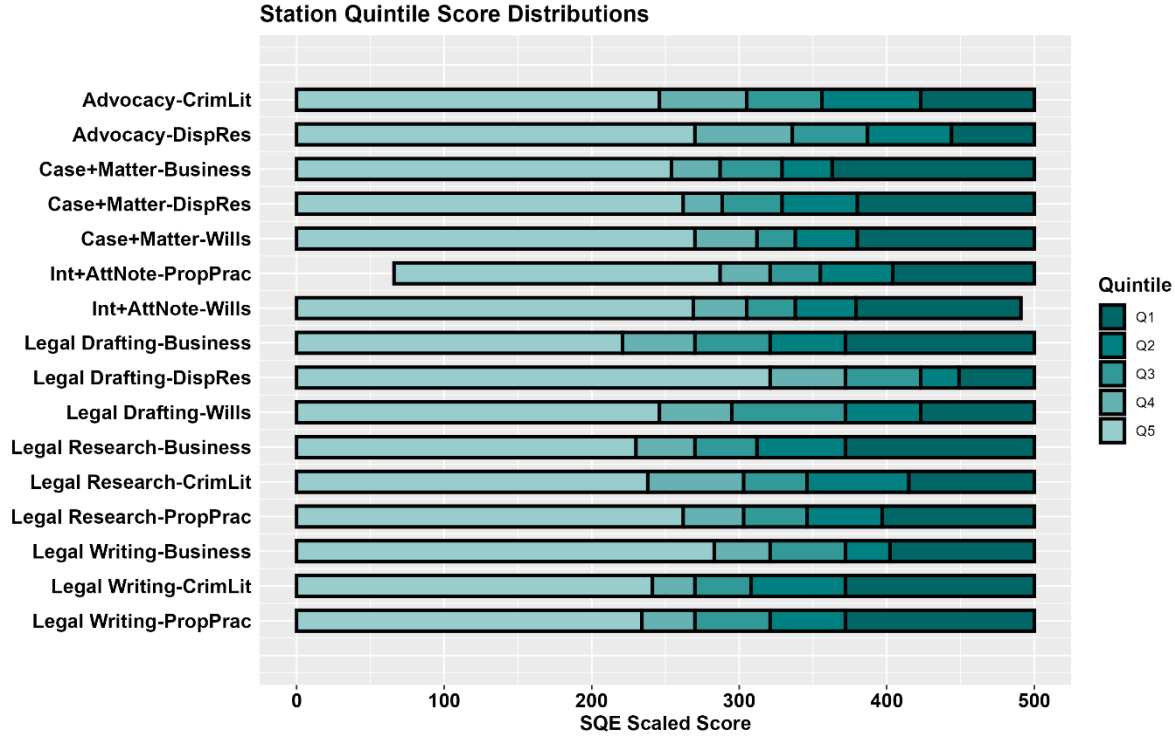
Total Score Quintile Chart

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

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	17	314	71
Black / Black British	5	302	57
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	5	327	69
Other ethnic group	5	313	69
White	62	337	85
Prefer not to say	6	315	67

Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	10	339	86
No	81	328	78
Prefer not to say	9	329	76

What is your sex?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Female	67	330	81
Male	30	325	74
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	3	326	71

What is your religion or belief?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Buddhist	-	-	-
Christian	28	320	73
Hindu	4	307	63
Jewish	-	-	-
Muslim	9	309	62
Sikh	-	-	-
No religion or belief	45	339	86
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	14	330	79

What age category are you in?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	27	334	81
25 - 34	60	332	82
35 - 44	9	308	63
45 - 54	3	290	52
55 - 64	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1	311	70

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	55	332	80
No, neither of my parents attended university	37	327	78
Do not know / not sure	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	8	313	69

Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	73	330	79
No	27	325	77
Prefer not to say	-	-	-

What is your highest level of education?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
At least an undergraduate degree	97	330	79
Qualifications below degree level	-	-	-
No formal qualifications	-	-	-
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	3	308	71

What was your undergraduate degree classification?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
1st	34	342	87
2:1	50	327	78
2:2	7	300	55
3rd	-	-	-
Commendation	-	-	-
Distinction	2	343	67
Pass	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1	300	58
Not applicable	6	316	75

Are you a qualified lawyer?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	7	323	72
No	93	329	79
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	39	332	82
State-run or state-funded school - selective on academic, faith or other grounds	15	335	83
Independent or fee-paying school	12	337	82
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	1	348	90
Attended school outside the UK	25	322	72
I don't know	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	8	313	72

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Professional background	54	335	85
Intermediate background	11	334	80
Working class background	17	319	69
Other background	3	305	58
Prefer not to say	15	319	72

Please state what your first language is:	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
English	79	332	80
Other	21	317	72
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	-	-	-