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SQE2 April 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 eleventh round of SQE2 assessments ran between 28 April and 16 May. SQE2 comprises 16 stations — 12 written stations and four oral stations — that assess both skills and application of legal knowledge.

Candidates sat one of four oral sittings each covering two consecutive days. Candidates also sat one of two written sittings in either the mornings or the afternoons of the written assessment dates. To protect the integrity of the assessments, different oral stations were used on the different oral sitting dates with the oral sittings identified in the table below, and different written stations were used in the morning and afternoon sessions on the written sitting dates.

Station Type	Sitting 1	Sitting 2	Sitting 3	Sitting 4
Oral	28-29 April	30 April – 1 May	13-14 May	15-16 May
Written	6-8 May			

This report includes statistics that provide some simple feedback on the April 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)	2,753
Pass Rate (all graded)	82%
Candidates (first attempt)	2,577
Pass Rate (first attempt)	84%

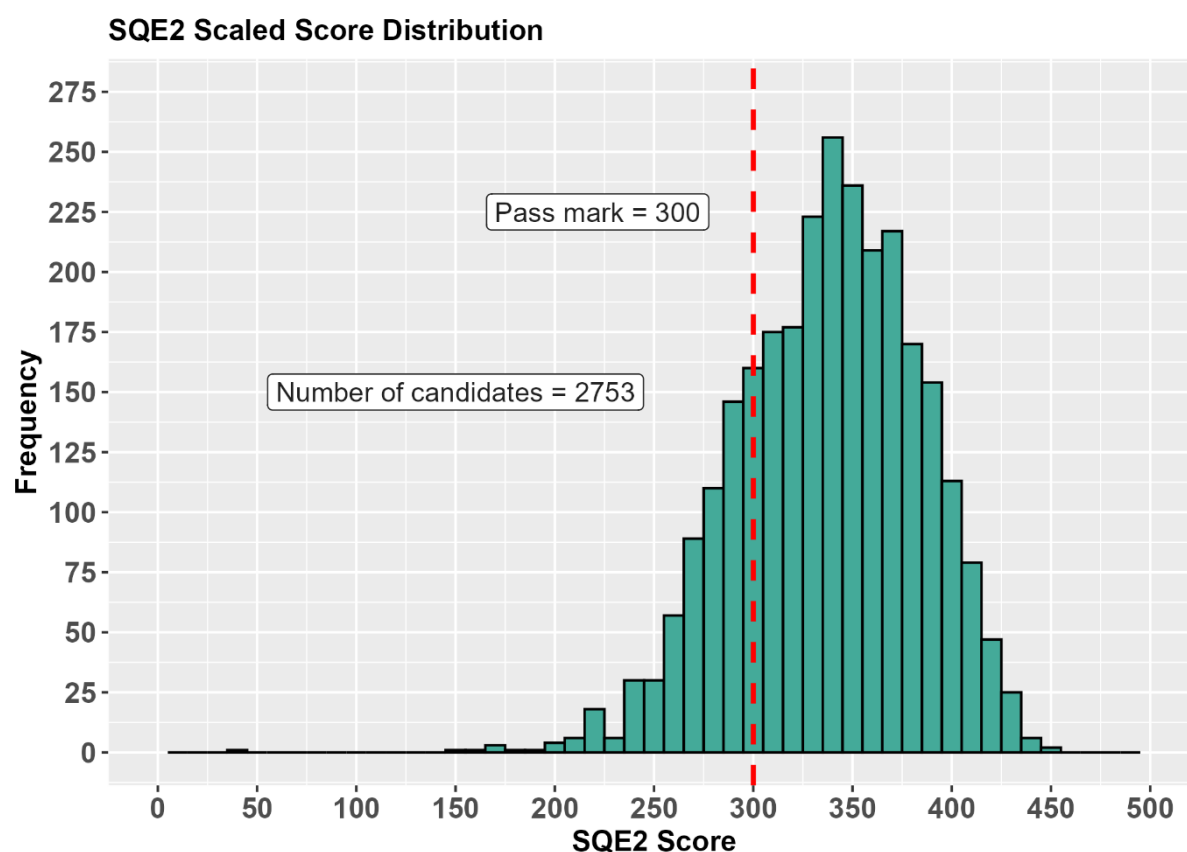
Descriptive Statistics

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	338.8
SD	45.5
Median	340
Min	39
Max	455
Range	416

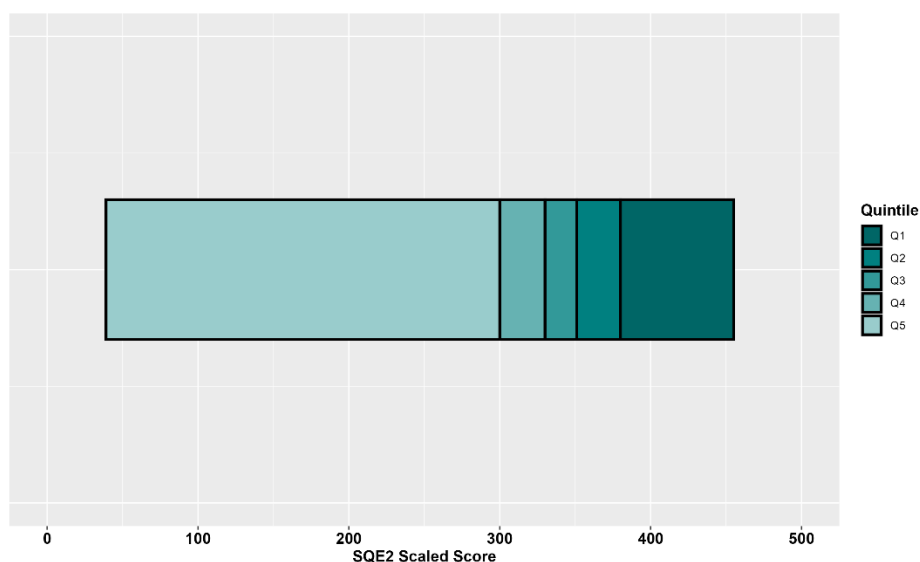
Score Distribution Chart

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



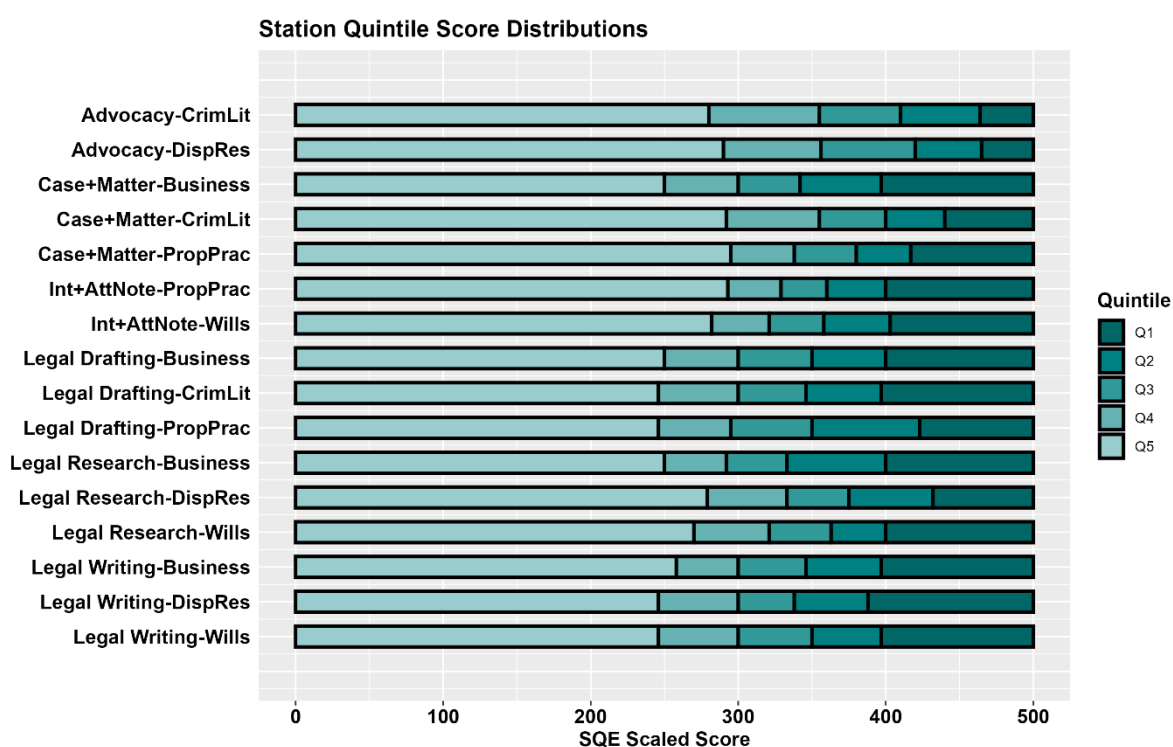
Total Score Quintile Chart

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

What is your ethnic group?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Asian / Asian British	18	336	78
Black / Black British	4	309	64
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	7	335	78
Other ethnic group	4	334	80
White	61	348	88
Prefer not to say	6	332	77

Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	9	338	84
No	81	342	84
Prefer not to say	10	339	81

What is your sex?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Female	62	343	85
Male	36	340	81
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	330	79

What is your religion or belief?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Buddhist	1	334	86
Christian	26	337	82
Hindu	3	337	78
Jewish	2	351	91
Muslim	7	320	70
Sikh	2	330	76
No religion or belief	46	348	87
Other	<1	353	92

What is your religion or belief?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Prefer not to say	13	339	83

What age category are you in?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	58	348	88
25 - 34	37	336	80
35 - 44	3	307	60
45 - 54	1	304	50
55 - 64	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1	326	68

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	60	347	87
No, neither of my parents attended university	29	334	79
Do not know / not sure	2	330	73
Prefer not to say	9	334	80

Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	26	326	74
No	74	347	87
Prefer not to say	-	-	-

What is your highest level of education?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
At least an undergraduate degree	97	342	84
Qualifications below degree level	-	-	-
No formal qualifications	-	-	-
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	3	331	76

What was your undergraduate degree classification?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
1st	39	357	93
2:1	52	335	81
2:2	3	284	34
3rd	-	-	-
Commendation	-	-	-
Distinction	1	322	64
Pass	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	3	324	73
Not applicable	2	324	73

Are you a qualified lawyer?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	3	328	73
No	97	342	84
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	34	337	81
State-run or state-funded school - selective on academic, faith or other grounds	17	347	88
Independent or fee-paying school	19	353	90
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	1	350	77
Attended school outside the UK	21	338	81
I don't know	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	8	332	79

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Professional background	62	347	88
Intermediate background	9	337	77
Working class background	13	328	75
Other background	2	333	74
Prefer not to say	14	334	78

Please state what your first language is:	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
English	84	344	85
Other	16	330	75
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	-	-	-