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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.

This report includes statistics that provide some simple feedback on the July 2026 SQE1 assessments and their performance. The table below shows the number of candidates, the passing score, and the overall pass rate for FLK1 and FLK2. It also shows the number of candidates who sat both parts of SQE1 and their pass rate.

Statistic	FLK1	FLK2	SQE1
Passing Score	300	300	-
Candidates (All)	6688	7105	6315
Candidates who did not sit*	9	48	55
Candidates (Graded)	6679	7057	6260
Pass Rate (Graded)	50%	50%	42%
Candidates (First attempt only)	5122	5093	5012
Pass Rate (First attempt only)	54%	52%	47%

*Candidates who used an attempt but did not sit one of the assessments (with no mitigating circumstances). These candidates are no longer included in the pass rates and statistics within this report.

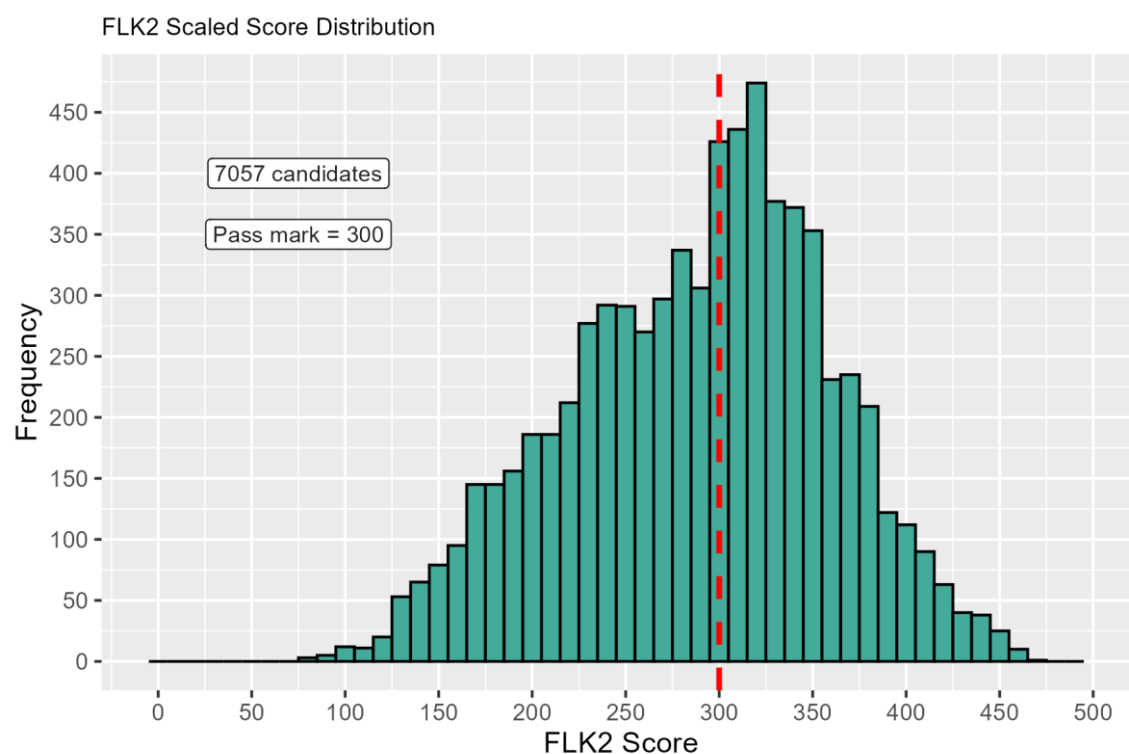
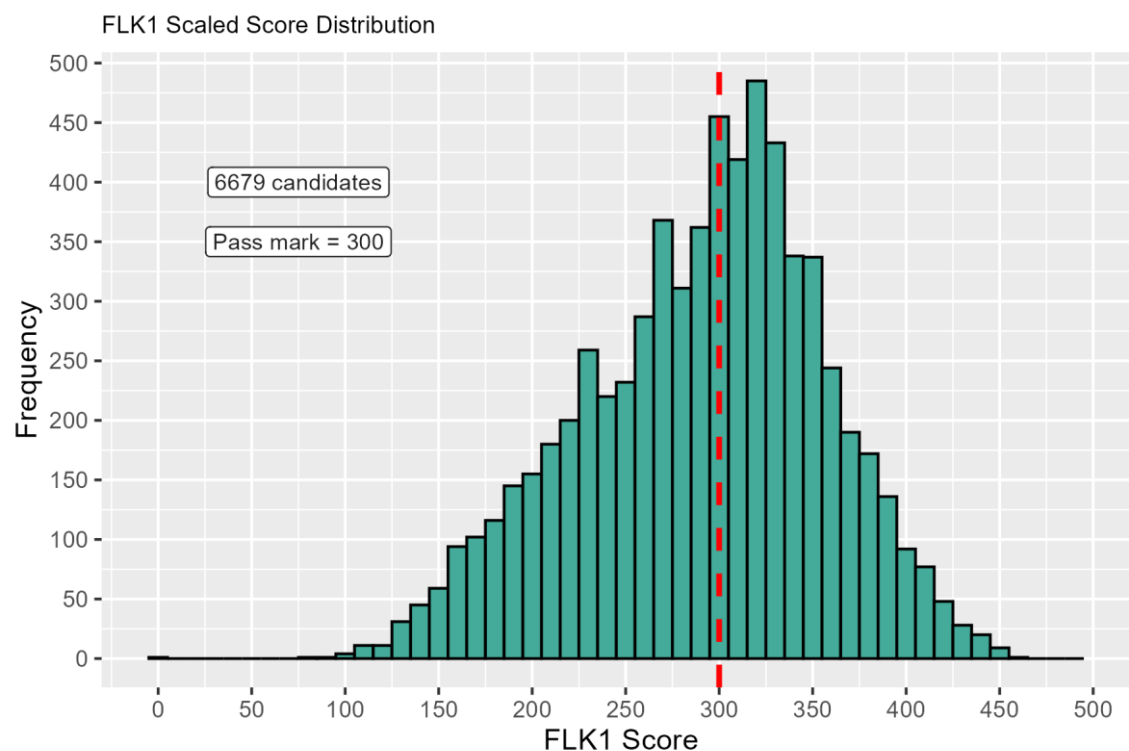
Descriptive Statistics

The following table shows the average (mean) score, the standard deviation, median score, minimum score, maximum score and range of observed scores for FLK1 and FLK2.

Statistic	FLK1	FLK2
Mean	291.0	289.2
SD	65.1	70.0
Median	300	297
Min	0	83
Max	457	471
Range	457	388

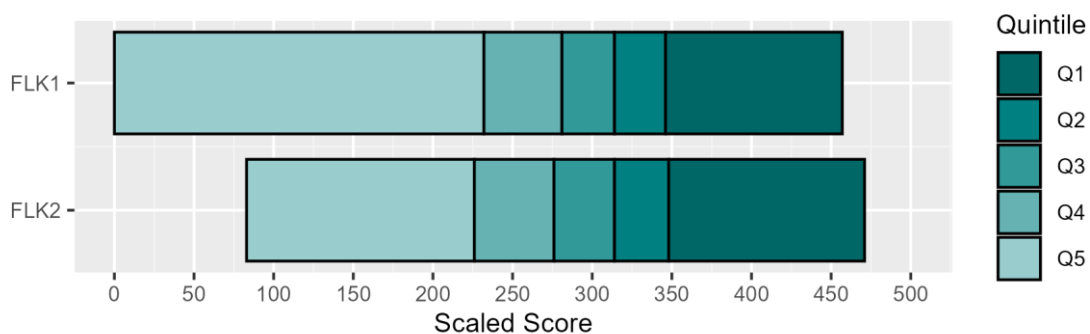
Score Distribution Charts

The following charts show the distribution of scores for FLK1 and FLK2, with a red line showing the passing score required for each assessment.



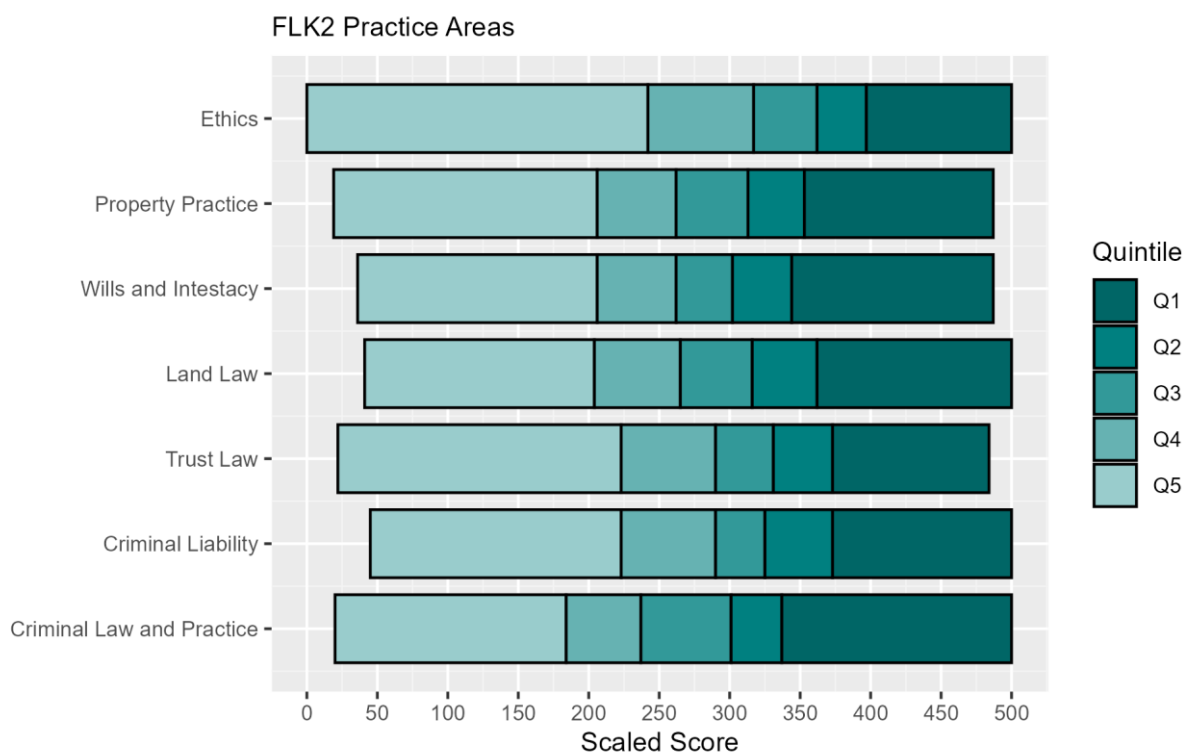
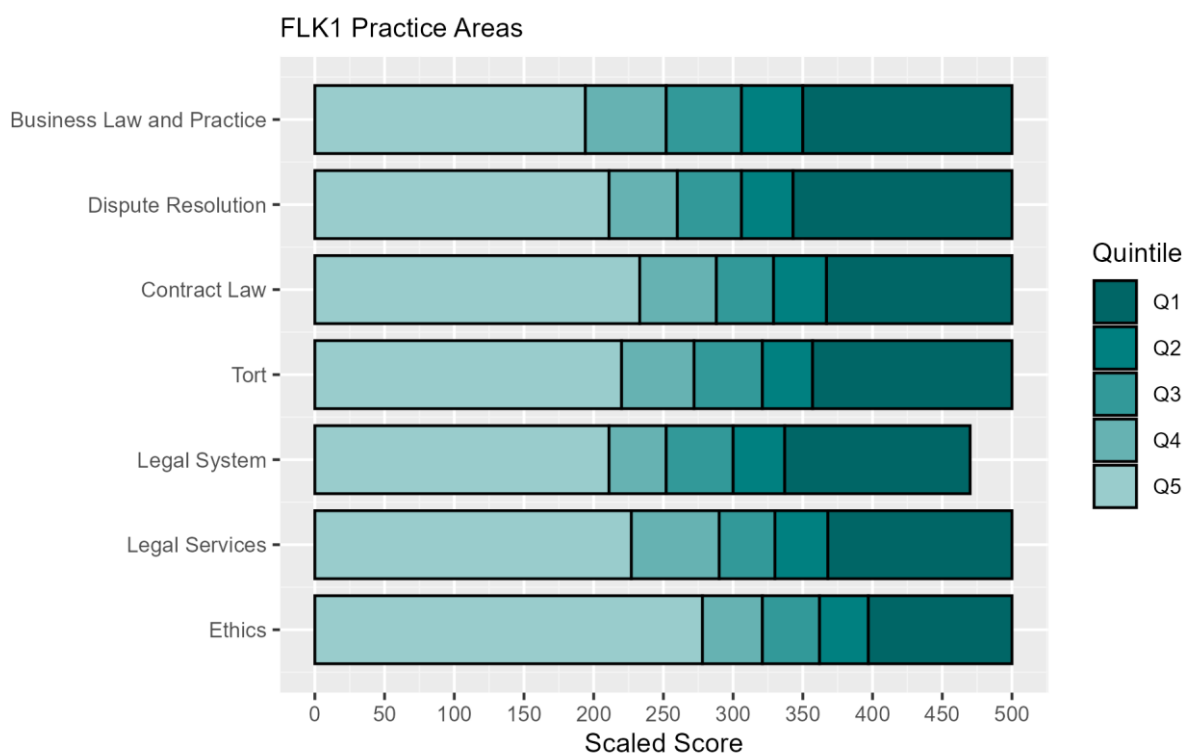
Score Quintile Chart

This chart shows the quintile score ranges for FLK1 and FLK2, with a minimum possible score of 0 and a maximum possible score of 500. A fifth of candidates fall within each quintile, with Q1 showing the top fifth and Q5 showing the bottom fifth of candidates.



Performance by Practice Area

These charts show the scores for the different practice areas within FLK1 and FLK2, with a minimum possible score of 0 and a maximum possible score of 500. A fifth of candidates fall within each quintile, with Q1 showing the top fifth and Q5 showing the bottom fifth of candidates.



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 is provided in each table for FLK1 and FLK2:

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

The proportion of candidates along with the pass rate is also provided for SQE1.

These tables provide data for the first attempt candidates, with data not reported for groups with fewer than 10 candidates (rows in grey). The performance of all candidates, including resitting candidates, will be presented in the SQE Annual Report.

What is your ethnic group?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Asian / Asian British	27	280	45	27	273	42	27	38
Black / Black British	9	265	35	9	263	33	9	28
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	5	300	57	5	297	54	5	51
Other ethnic group	6	281	46	6	275	45	6	39
White	46	312	63	46	312	62	46	57
Prefer not to say	7	295	52	7	287	49	7	45

Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes	9	298	56	9	295	53	9	49
No	85	295	53	85	291	51	85	47
Prefer not to say	6	303	57	6	298	55	6	51

What is your sex?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Female	65	291	51	65	289	50	65	44
Male	33	304	59	33	298	55	33	52
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	315	65	2	313	65	2	61

What age category are you in?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	39	296	53	39	296	53	39	48
25 - 34	43	297	56	43	293	53	43	48
35 - 44	12	291	52	12	283	47	12	42
45 - 54	4	286	47	4	276	45	4	41
55 - 64	1	277	36	1	273	31	1	28
65 +	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1	292	50	1	287	49	1	46

What is your religion or belief?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Buddhist	1	300	63	1	294	48	1	47
Christian	28	289	49	28	286	48	28	43
Hindu	5	272	38	5	268	39	5	33
Jewish	1	325	75	1	323	70	1	61
Muslim	12	260	34	12	256	33	12	28
Sikh	2	269	37	2	263	36	2	33
No religion or belief	37	313	64	37	311	62	37	58
Other	1	295	47	1	298	55	1	43
Prefer not to say	13	306	60	13	298	55	13	51

What is your highest level of education?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
At least an undergraduate degree	93	297	55	92	294	53	93	48
Qualifications below degree level	1	273	39	1	268	31	1	31
No formal qualifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not applicable	3	274	46	3	259	38	3	36
Prefer not to say	3	278	42	4	275	39	3	33

What was your undergraduate degree classification?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
1st	21	328	72	22	330	71	22	66
2:1	45	296	54	45	294	53	45	47
2:2	11	246	26	11	243	25	11	22
3rd	1	227	12	1	218	4	1	4
Commendation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distinction	2	305	59	2	296	61	2	54
Pass	2	272	39	2	260	34	2	31
Prefer not to say	4	283	51	3	271	45	3	39
Not applicable	14	290	52	14	282	47	14	43

Did either of your parents attend university by the time you were 18?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	53	303	59	53	299	56	53	52
No, neither of my parents attended university	35	287	48	35	285	47	35	42
Do not know / not sure	2	266	35	2	269	44	2	33
Prefer not to say	10	290	50	10	286	47	10	42

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Professional background	55	302	58	55	298	56	55	52
Intermediate background	12	292	51	12	291	51	12	45
Working class background	16	286	47	16	283	45	16	40
Other background	3	293	48	3	291	50	3	42
Prefer not to say	14	286	48	14	281	44	14	40

Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
State-run or state-funded school - non-selective	34	292	51	34	292	52	34	46
State-run or state-funded school - selective on academic, faith or other grounds	12	304	59	12	303	57	12	52
Independent or fee-paying school	10	313	64	11	310	60	11	57
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	<1	294	46	<1	294	46	<1	38
Attended school outside the UK	33	292	53	32	284	48	33	44
I don't know	1	273	41	1	268	42	1	33
Other	<1	294	56	<1	302	61	<1	61
Prefer not to say	10	291	50	10	286	47	9	43

Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes	53	298	56	53	294	53	54	49
No	47	292	51	47	290	50	46	45
Prefer not to say	<1	270	45	-	-	-	-	-

Are you a qualified lawyer?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes	28	293	54	28	285	49	28	45
No	72	296	54	72	295	53	72	48
Prefer not to say	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Please state what your first language is:

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
English	70	299	55	70	298	54	70	50
Other	30	288	51	30	279	46	30	42
Prefer not to say	<1	284	45	<1	273	42	<1	42