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SQE2 April 2026 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 15th round of SQE2 assessments ran between 28 April and 15 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
Written	28-30 April			
Oral	5-6 May	7-8 May	12-13 May	14-15 May

This report includes statistics that provide some simple feedback on the April 2026 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)	2,966
Pass Rate (all graded)	83%
Candidates (first attempt)	2,763
Pass Rate (first attempt)	85%

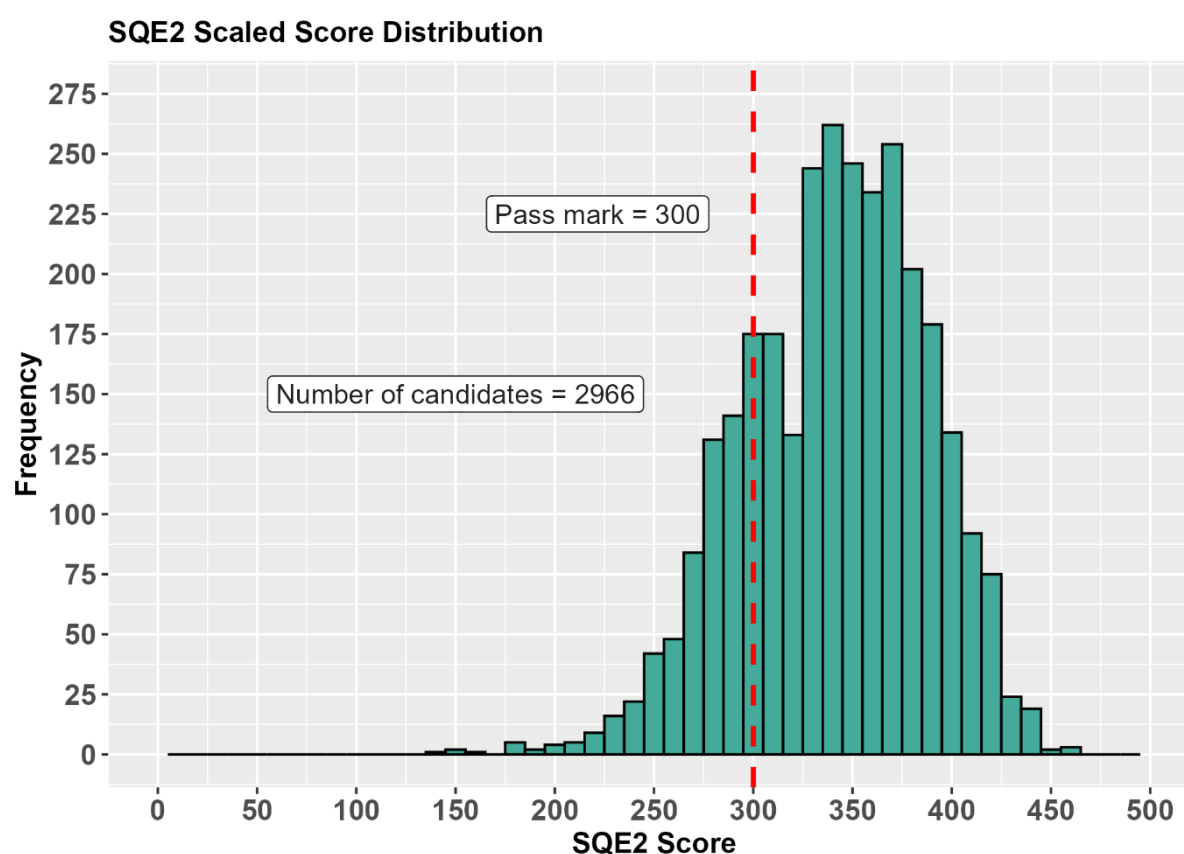
Descriptive Statistics

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	341.1
SD	46.1
Median	341
Min	143
Max	464
Range	321

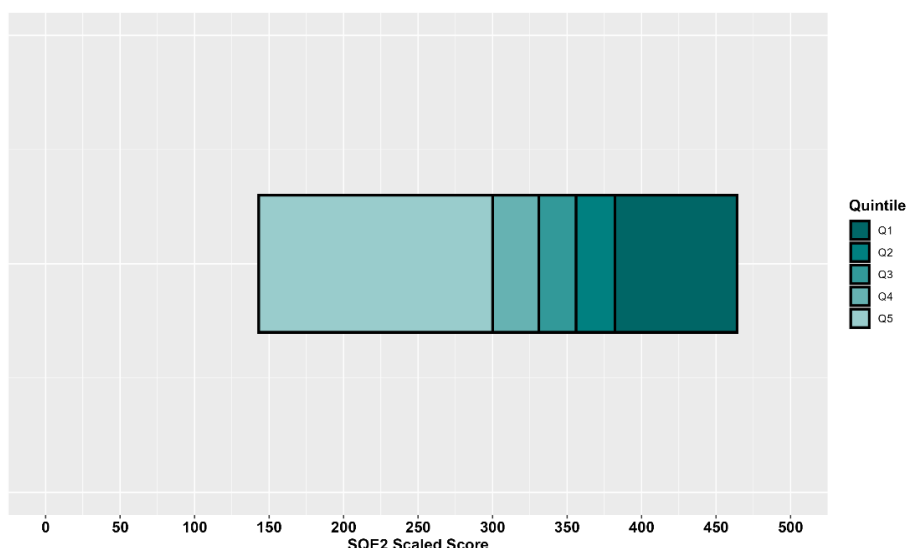
Score Distribution Chart

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



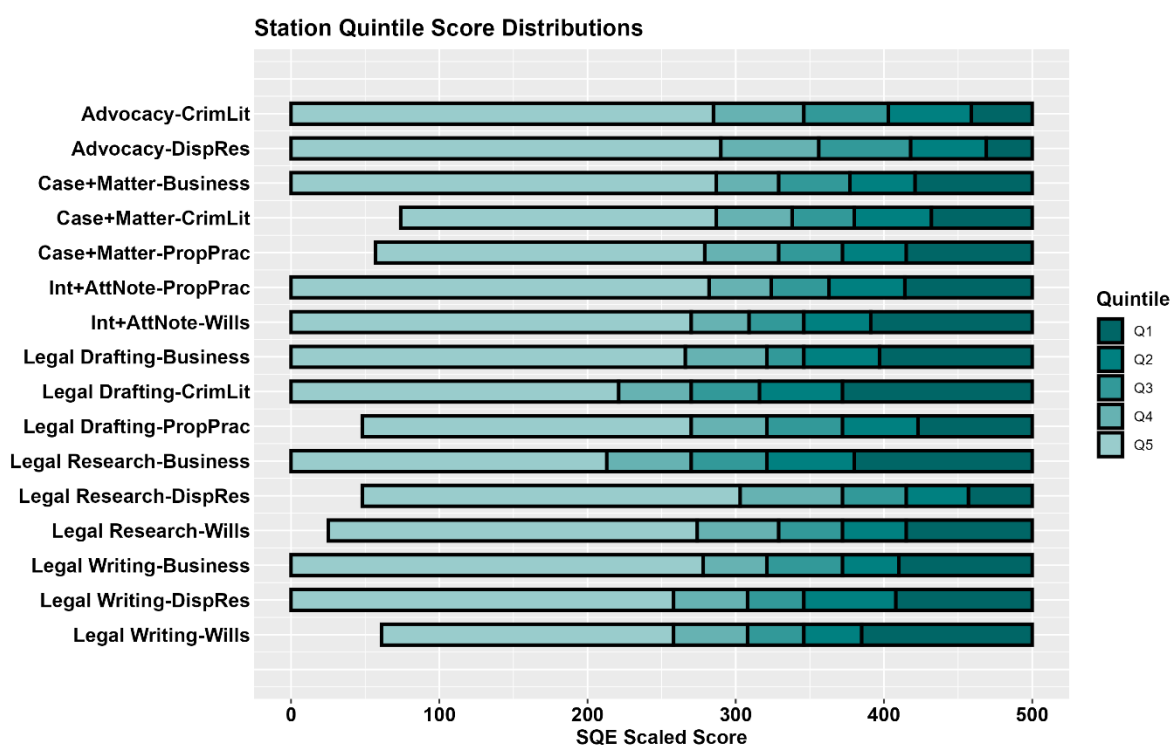
Total Score Quintile Chart

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	339	82
Black / Black British	5	316	67
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	7	350	88
Other ethnic group	4	327	71
White	61	349	88
Prefer not to say	5	335	78

Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	10	345	84
No	81	344	85
Prefer not to say	9	345	84

What is your sex?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Female	63	345	86
Male	35	344	83
Other	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	335	84

What is your religion or belief?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Buddhist	1	335	87
Christian	27	340	83
Hindu	4	345	85
Jewish	2	364	94
Muslim	7	324	71
Sikh	1	330	75
No religion or belief	44	351	88
Other	1	331	75
Prefer not to say	13	344	87

What age category are you in?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	57	352	90
25 - 34	38	338	81
35 - 44	3	309	59
45 - 54	1	285	52
55 - 64	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1	328	77

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	62	349	87
No, neither of my parents attended university	27	335	81
Do not know / not sure	1	341	87
Prefer not to say	10	339	82

Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	28	323	73
No	72	353	90
Prefer not to say	-	-	-

What is your highest level of education?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
At least an undergraduate degree	98	345	85
Qualifications below degree level	-	-	-
No formal qualifications	-	-	-
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	332	79

What was your undergraduate degree classification?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
1st	39	359	92
2:1	54	339	83
2:2	2	288	40
3rd	-	-	-
Commendation	-	-	-
Distinction	-	-	-
Pass	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1	311	70
Not applicable	4	327	72

Are you a qualified lawyer?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Yes	3	328	75
No	97	345	85
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	33	341	84
State-run or state-funded school - selective on academic, faith or other grounds	16	347	87
Independent or fee-paying school	21	355	90
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	1	351	97
Attended school outside the UK	19	340	81
I don't know	-	-	-
Other	<1	327	83
Prefer not to say	10	340	82

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
Professional background	63	349	87
Intermediate background	10	342	85
Working class background	13	331	79
Other background	2	340	85
Prefer not to say	12	339	82

Please state what your first language is:	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %
English	85	347	87
Other	15	329	74
Not applicable	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	-	-	-