



Law Training Centre Scholarship Application Guidance

Access to Law SQE Scholarship

This document provides important information relating to the application and assessment process for the Access to Law SQE Scholarship.

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At Law Training Centre we are avid supporters and advocates of social mobility and increased diversity within the legal profession. Our mission is to break down traditional barriers that exist, preventing learners from accessing a legal education. Our goal is to widen access to careers within law and creating a legal market that is diverse, flexible, multi-skilled, and reflective of current market demands.

The Access to Law Scholarship has been created to support the future legal professionals from all backgrounds, who would have otherwise been unable to study law.

Please ensure you have read and understood this guidance in full, before completing and returning your application for the Access to Law SQE Scholarship.

1 What is the SQE?

- 1.1. The Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) is a single, national licensing examination, which forms the new pathway to qualification as a Solicitor of England and Wales from 2021.

The four requirements to become a Solicitor through the SQE route are:

- Have a degree in any subject (or equivalent qualification or work experience)
- Pass both stages of the SQE assessment – SQE1 focuses on legal knowledge and SQE2 on practical legal skills
- Have two years' qualifying work experience (QWE)
- Pass the SRA's character and suitability requirements

2 What is the SQE1 Prep Course?

- 2.1. SQE1 Prep by Law Training Centre is a fully online, comprehensive preparation course for both parts of the SQE1 assessment (Functioning Legal Knowledge 1 (FLK1) and Functioning Legal Knowledge 2 (FLK2))

- 2.2. SQE1 Prep includes:

- 15 months course access
- Passplus guarantee (guarantees students' course access and support for one additional attempt, should you need it)
- 1:1 Personal Academic Coach
- Unlimited attendance to live workshops run by experts in each subject area
- Video library of recorded workshops
- Access to Law Trove and Practical Law
- Rich virtual learning platform with essential study aids
- Mock exam papers

- 2.3. The standard course fee for SQE1 Prep, as of October 2021, is £1,950.00

3 What is the SQE2 Prep Course?

- 3.1.** Once you have successfully passed the SQE1 Exam, you will be ready to enrol on our SQE2 prep course, designed by some of the best Legal Practitioners and Law Professors in the UK
- 3.2.** Our fully flexible self-paced course is delivered by legal expert tutors, who use their exceptional wealth of practical experience to help equip you with the legal knowledge and applied legal skills you need to succeed in your SQE2 exam
- 3.3** SQE2 Prep includes:
- 15 months course access
 - Professional course materials
 - Law Training Centre manuals
 - 1:1 Personal Academic Coach
 - Access to Thomson Reuters Practical Law
 - Passplus Guarantee (guarantees students' course access and support for one additional attempt, should you need it)
 - Unlimited attendance to workshops run by experts in each subject area
 - Complete video library of previous workshops.
 - Personalised study plan
 - Employment opportunities
 - Mock exam papers for each legal skill and context assessed on the SQE2
- 3.4.** The standard course fee for SQE2 Prep is £2,500. An alumni concession of £500 is available for current and previous Law Training Centre learners who have completed either SQE1 Prep or SQE1 Express courses. However, please note that Scholarship funding is not available in conjunction with alumni concession

4 What is the Access to Law SQE Scholarship?

- 4.1.** The Access to Law SQE Scholarship offers Law Training Centre learners the opportunity to have:
- For SQE1 Prep:**
50% of their SQE1 Prep tuition fees funded by the Scholarship – amounting to £1,000, consisting of:
- £975 towards tuition fee
 - £25 application processing fee
- For SQE2 Prep:**
£1,000 towards their SQE2 Prep tuition fees. Please note, Scholarship funding is not available in conjunction with alumni concession
- 4.2.** Full access to our comprehensive SQE1 Prep or SQE2 Prep course respectively will be granted to successful applicants (upon receipt of full or initial payment of remaining tuition fee)
- 4.3.** Successful applicants will also receive a certificate of achievement upon completion of their SQE1 Prep or SQE2 Prep course respectively, course, demonstrating their achievement in being awarded an academic scholarship

5 How does the Access to Law SQE Scholarship work?

- 5.1. The Access to Law SQE Scholarship is aimed at: those who are under-represented within the legal profession; AND/OR those from a socially disadvantaged background; AND/OR those with protected characteristics as defined by the [Equality Act 2010](#); AND/OR candidates who are unable to physically attend full time education due to personal, professional, financial, or health challenges; AND/OR applicants who have experienced unexpected hardship due to the effects of Covid-19
- 5.2. To be successful, applicants need only meet **one** of the above criteria
- 5.3. Applicants will be required to demonstrate that their circumstances are such that access to a legal education would not be possible without the assistance from the Access to Law SQE Scholarship
- 5.4. No less than 50 Access to Law SQE Scholarships will be made available for SQE1 Prep learners from 22 October 2021 to 31 December 2021. There is currently no limit to the number of SQE2 Prep course scholarships that will be awarded as of December 2021
- 5.5. The scholarship award only applies to Law Training Centre's SQE Prep courses, and therefore excludes SQE exam fees, which will be payable directly to the SRA by the student

6 How to apply

- 6.1. We recommend applicants familiarise themselves with Law Training Centre's Application Guidance prior to completion of their application
- 6.2. Applicants must complete their application form and return to scholarships@ltkent.co.uk
- 6.3. Applicants will receive the results of their application within 10 working days of submission
- 6.4. Applications will be subject to a £25 application processing fee – if applications are unsuccessful this fee will not apply. If applications are successful, this fee will be paid by deduction from the funding awarded by the scholarship

7 How applications are assessed

- 7.1. Applications will be assessed in the order they are received in the Law Training Centre Scholarships mailbox
- 7.2. To be successful, applicants need only meet **one** of the criteria referenced in point 4.1
- 7.3. All applications are assessed by the Law Training Centre Scholarships Team to consider the overall circumstances and information provided by the applicant, and confirm that the applicant has adequately demonstrated that their access to a legal education would not be possible without the assistance from the Access to Law SQE Scholarship
- 7.4. Eligible applications will then be considered by the Academic Board, who will make a holistic assessment of the applicant's eligibility, as well other factors including but not limited to prior academic and professional dedication and achievement.

- 7.5. The Law Training Centre Scholarships Team and Academic Board reserve the right to exercise discretion with regards to what constitutes adequate demonstration of an applicant's need to access the scholarship
- 7.6. Applicants will receive the results of their application within 10 working days of submission
- 7.7. Failure to make initial payment towards the remaining balance of tuition within 2 weeks will result in the Scholarship offer being withdrawn

8 When to apply

- 8.1. Candidates can apply from 22 October 2021 to 31 December 2021 for scholarships towards the cost of their SQE1 Prep tuition fees. Applications are currently open and will remain so indefinitely for SQE2 Prep applications
- 8.2. Law Training Centre retain the right to extend or close the application window early

9 Payment of remaining tuition balance

- 9.1. Successful applicants will be required to make an initial payment towards the remaining balance of their tuition within 2 weeks of being offered the Access to Law SQE Scholarship in order to secure their funding
- 9.2. Failure to make such initial payment within 2 weeks will result in the scholarship offer being withdrawn
- 9.3. Candidates can select to pay the remaining balance for the course either in full or via interest free instalments (instalments subject to a £79 admin fee)

10 Changes to study

- 10.1. If a successful candidate is awarded a Scholarship but later decides to change course, the SQE Scholarship funding will be withdrawn. This may result in the learner being liable for additional fees
- 10.2. If a successful candidate is awarded a Scholarship but is then suspended or withdraws from their SQE1 Prep or SQE2 Prep course, Scholarship funding will be withdrawn. This may result in the learner being liable for additional fees

11 Appeals

- 11.1. The decision of Law Training Centre's Scholarships Team and Academic Board on the interpretation of eligibility is final and there is no right of appeal

12 Use of data

- 12.1. Please refer to section 10 of Law Training Centre's [Terms and Conditions](#).