In September 2021, the Graduate Diploma in Law and the Legal Practice Course (LPC) are being phased out and replaced by the new Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE). With that change comes an entirely new way of testing your legal knowledge and lawyering skills.

For over 50 years, BARBRI has built a reputation as the most experienced, innovative and effective provider of legal exam preparation. Although the methods of testing in England and Wales may be changing, they are changing to match precisely the methodologies in which BARBRI preparation excels.

**Why take the SQE?**

From 2021 onwards, anyone aspiring to become a solicitor in England and Wales must take the SQE.

If you commenced your legal education before this date, you may have the option to continue with the LPC; however, there are several reasons you should opt for the SQE:

1. **FLEXIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY**
   The SQE offers greater flexibility, allowing you to spread both the preparation course and exam fees over longer time periods to adapt the pace to fit your schedule and budgeting needs.

2. **LEARN WHILST YOU EARN**
   Unlike the full-time LPC, you can earn whilst learning with BARBRI SQE Prep.

3. **INTEGRATE STUDIES INTO QWE**
   The SQE combined with the opportunity for qualifying work experience in place of a traditional training contract allows for more flexible entry into the profession.

To discover if you need to take the SQE, visit our online SQE calculator: BARBRI.COM/SQECALCULATOR.
The SQE consists of two stages: SQE1 and SQE2.

**SQE1**
SQE1 is a computer-based exam testing your functioning legal knowledge by way of multiple-choice questions – a specific skill that requires practice and expertise.

These testing methods may be new to you, but they mirror the U.S. bar exams for which BARBRI has successfully prepared over 1.3 million U.S. law graduates.

BARBRI SQE1 Prep will be offered twice a year leading into the scheduled exams. For law graduates: Flexible full-time (10-week) or part-time (20-week) courses will be offered. For non-law graduates: Flexible full-time (20-week) or part-time (40-week) courses will be offered.

Whether taking the full-time or part-time option, your SQE1 Prep course will be offered primarily online through your flexible PSP. You’ll have full 1:1 mentor support and the opportunity to attend face-to-face touchpoint workshops to additionally enhance preparation.

You will also receive a full set of hard copy resource materials, and will practice thousands of multiple-choice questions, sit several practice exams as well as a full, realistic mock exam before you sit for the actual SQE1.

**SQE2**
After passing SQE1, you will be eligible to apply and sit for SQE2.

SQE2 consists of practical legal skills assessments such as client interviewing, advocacy, case and matter analysis, legal research and written advice, and legal drafting.

BARBRI SQE2 Prep will be offered at least twice a year leading into the scheduled exams. You will select from a flexible full-time (8-week) or a part-time (16-week) course.

BARBRI SQE2 Prep provides practitioner expertise on practical transactions and legal skills. BARBRI tells you the criteria and standards to which you are being assessed, shows you how to undertake the task and provides multiple practice opportunities to hone your skills.

Lastly, attend a full gateway assessment immediately prior to your SQE2 providing reassurance that you are ready to succeed in the exam.

Unmatched innovative test preparation

PRACTICE DOES NOT MAKE PERFECT. PERFECT PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

When it comes to legal exam preparation and innovation, nobody compares to BARBRI.

Your tailored, flexible online BARBRI Personal Study Plan (PSP) guides every assignment and activity throughout your entire BARBRI SQE Prep experience.

Your personally assigned 1:1 mentor is also with you every step of the way.

BARBRI replaces worry with the confidence that comes from years of proven experience in multiple-choice legal testing and mixed subject testing.