



# Substitute QWE and SQE2 as an equivalent to a period of recognised training application

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You can only qualify through this route if you meet our [transitional requirements](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/becoming-solicitor-legal-practice-course-transitional-requirements/) [https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/legal-practice-course-route/becoming-solicitor-legal-practice-course-transitional-requirements/]. If you do not meet these, you will need to qualify under the full [SQE route](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/) [https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/].

## Who can apply

This is for individuals who have either started or passed the Legal Practice Course (LPC).

## How to apply

Only complete this application if you want to use [qualifying work experience](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/) [https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/] (QWE) and the [SQE2](https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/assessment-information/sqe2-assessment-specification/) [https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/assessment-information/sqe2-assessment-specification/] assessment as an equivalent to a period of recognised training (training contract).

To do this, you must then:

- pass the LPC. You will be asked for your LPC certificate/transcript when you apply to become a solicitor
- record two years' full-time or equivalent QWE. [Find out how to do this](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/registering-qualifying-work-experience/) [https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifying-work-experience-candidates/registering-qualifying-work-experience/]
- pass the SQE2. Find out more about the [exam](https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/the-assessment-day/) [https://sqe.sra.org.uk/exam-arrangements/the-assessment-day/] and what it [costs](https://sqe.sra.org.uk/about-sqe/costs-and-fees/) [https://sqe.sra.org.uk/about-sqe/costs-and-fees/].

You do not need to:

- sit SQE1
- complete a period of recognised training (training contract)
- take the Professional Skills Course
- validate your degree.

You will be admitted as a solicitor under the LPC route, not the SQE route.

## Fee

There is no fee for this application.

However, you will need to pay to sit the SQE2 assessment.

## What next

- If you already have qualifying work experience, you can record it.
- You will need to register for an [SQE account](https://sqa.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking) [\[https://sqa.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking\]](https://sqa.sra.org.uk/registering-and-booking) in order to take SQE2. We suggest you wait at least 10-15 minutes after submitting this form before you set up your SQE account.

## Apply now

When you are ready to apply, the link below will take you to mySRA login page. You will find the application in 'Start a new application' and 'Individual applications'. It is called 'Notify us of using QWE and SQE2 as an equivalent to a period of recognised training '.

[Log in to mySRA now](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/link/93f017776e78490eac32edeb8f5a63e0.aspx)

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