

QLTS

SOE1

**SUGGESTED
STUDY GUIDE**

METHOD OF WORK

You have received the following as part of your enrolment on the SQE1 preparation course:

- This SQE Course Handbook
- 18 textbooks that cover the two Functioning Legal Knowledge (FLK) assessments
- An email with instructions on how to log in to SQE Learning, the online training system (make sure you set emails from QLTS School as 'Safe' so that future correspondence does not get missed)

The content in SQE Learning is organised into practice areas based on FLK1 and FLK2. Each area includes the following study tools:

- Summary notes
- Digital flash cards
- Multiple-choice practice questions
- Access to the SQE Video Library (if you signed up for the Advantage or Premium Course)

The FLK1 and FLK2 mock tests are accessible in separate course folders. Each folder also includes access to a refresher module to help you quickly revise the law before or while you are attempting the mock tests.

Suggested Study Guide

This suggested study guide has been prepared in order to enable you to plan your preparation time for the SQE1 assessment.

We are frequently asked "how long does it take to study for the SQE?". The answer, of course, depends on the individual, as some candidates may find certain subjects difficult to digest, whereas others may consider them much easier. There is no arguing, though, that the more time you spend preparing, the better your chances of success.

While there is no one best way to prepare for SQE1, based on our experience in this field, we recommend that you prepare for the SQE1 assessment consists through four stages:

Stage I – Understanding the SQE1 Preparation Course

Your study tools: course administration handbook, exam day resources (available on your online account).

Take time to review the resources available and familiarise yourself with the textbooks, and the structure of SQE Learning, navigating all its study tools (summary notes, flash cards, SQE Video Library, multiple-choice practice questions, and mock tests) to ensure you know what each entails, and how to move between them. This is important so that you are in the best position to plan your studies.

Stage II – Develop a Realistic Study Plan

We recommend that you begin with FLK1, which includes the basics of English law, and then move forward with FLK2.

The recommended order of study of FLK1 is:

- The English Legal System and Retained EU Law
- Constitutional Law and Administrative Law
- Contract
- Tort
- Legal Services
- Financial Services
- Human Rights
- Business Law and Practice
- Business Taxation
- Professional Conduct
- Dispute Resolution

The recommended order of study of FLK2 is:

- Land Law
- Property Practice
- Equity and Trusts
- Wills and the Administration of Estates
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Litigation
- Solicitors' Accounts

Keep in mind that per the SRA Assessment Specification, the subject areas are assessed as certain percentages of their respective paper, as reflected in the column below. It is therefore important that you cover the full extent of the subject matter for each (by whichever tools work best for you), in order to give yourself the best chance of answering all questions on the days of the assessments.

You can use the following template to map out target completion dates for each subject, working backwards from your proposed assessment sitting.

Learning the Law				
FLK	Assessed as % of Paper	Description	Target Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
FLK1 – The Legal System of England and Wales	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Constitutional Law and Administrative Law		Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Human Rights		Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Contract	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Tort	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Legal Services	12 – 16%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Financial Services		Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Business Law and Practice	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Business Taxation		Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Dispute Resolution	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK1 – Professional Conduct	Pervasive	Learning the law using the study tools – and attempting FLK1 practice questions		
FLK1 – Mock Test		Attempting Mock Test 1 of FLK 1		

Learning the Law

FLK	Assessed as % of Paper	Description	Target Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
FLK2 – Land Law	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK2 – Property Practice Law	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK2 – Equity and Trusts	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK2 – Wills and the Administration of Estates	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK2 – Criminal Law	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK2 – Criminal Litigation	14 – 20%	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK2 – Solicitors' Accounts	Included within Property Practice and Wills percentages above	Learning the law using the study tools		
FLK2 – Professional Conduct	Pervasive	Revising the law using the study tools – and attempting FLK2 practice questions		
FLK2 – Mock Test		Attempting Mock Test 1 of FLK 2		
Summary Notes		Revision using the summary notes as may be appropriate for all subject areas		

Applying the Law

Description	Target Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
Attempting Mock Tests 2 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 3 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 4 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 5 of FLK1 & FLK2		

Applying the Law		
Description	Target Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
Attempting Mock Tests 6 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 7 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 8 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 9 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 10 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 11 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 12 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 13 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 14 of FLK1 & FLK2		
Attempting Mock Tests 15 of FLK1 & FLK2		

Stage III – Studying the Substantive and Procedural Law

Your study tools: summary notes, 18 textbooks, flash cards, SQE Video Library, multiple-choice practice questions.

The next step in your preparation is to get on with learning the substantive and procedural law. Here you will need to:

- first learn the law in its raw form from the summary notes, textbooks etc.; and
- second, learn by application and self-testing using the practice questions.

The summary notes, textbooks, flash cards, and videos largely cover the same content. Depending on your legal background, time availability and **learning style**, you will want to choose which one works best for you. In deciding, you should reflect honestly on your preferred learning style:

Your Learning Style	Study Method	Recommended Study Tools
Visual	Using visual aids like flowcharts and mind maps	Summary notes, flowcharts and summary diagrams
Auditory and verbal	Listening to material and talking things through with a study partner	Video lectures, podcasts and/or reviewing the summary notes
Reading and writing	Reading text and/or writing out notes	Summary notes, making your own notes where appropriate, textbooks
Tactile (precipitable by touch)	Practice	Video lectures or summary notes for each topic, refer to the textbooks when necessary, flash cards, tutor support

Like many students, you may have a mix of learning styles so the best way to study is to try all the different materials until you find which work best for you. Do not feel overwhelmed or stressed if you are unable to go through everything in SQE Learning.

The **summary notes** cover the key points and main legal principles of each subject area succinctly. They also include flowcharts, diagrams, and tables, which will help you visually map the key concepts. They are available in a PDF format in each of the subject specific area course folders for FLK1 and FLK2. You can download and print out the documents, add your own notes and make highlights.

You have also been provided with 18 **textbooks**, which cover in depth all the legal knowledge you need to know to pass SQE1. The textbooks will help you go deeper into certain topics, explaining areas more thoroughly to help you understand them better.

We advise you to use the summary notes as your primary learning source and refer back to the textbooks when you feel that further elaboration is needed on a specific area.

Another way to learn the law is through the **SQE Video Library**. The library includes video tutorials providing a broad overview of each subject area assessed in SQE1. The tutorials are divided into modules, and can help you work through the entire syllabus efficiently.

You can also use the **SQE podcasts**, which offer over 200 bite-size, syllabus-aligned episodes that mirror the structure of our textbooks and summary notes — ideal for reinforcing complex topics while you're on the move.

You can also use the **digital flash cards** to keep your memory fresh and test your knowledge. The cards are organised in accordance with the specific topics for each area.

After you have completed studying a specific subject area, you should attempt as many of the **multiple-choice practice questions** as time permits for that respective area. There is no limit on the number of times you can attempt the multiple-choice practice questions.

The purpose of the multiple-choice practice questions is to allow you to test your knowledge and understanding of a specific area before attempting the mock tests. The questions do not provide a rate of success and therefore no score will be displayed after completing any of the subject areas.

If you identify any area of weakness, you can use any of the study tools provided in the course to revise that specific area.

Note that the practice questions are not intended to be mock tests. Although the format of many will be similar to the mocks, some will differ slightly. This is because the practice questions aim to test legal knowledge as well as application, to encourage a thorough understanding of the material so that students can be as prepared as possible to apply the law in the mock tests, and subsequently the assessments themselves.

Before moving on to stage four, we recommend that you spend at least one or two study days reviewing either the summary notes, or your own concise notes on each subject to **refresh your memory** prior to attempting the mock tests.

You can also utilise the **Refresher**, which is designed to help you quickly revise and review the substantive and procedural laws covered in the SQE1 exam shortly before taking it.

The content and format of the Refresher closely resemble our flashcards. However, it eliminates the need to click a button to view answers to questions.

Finally, you can use the in-platform **SQE AI Assistant**. Ask any course question at any time and receive instant, plain-English answers linked directly to the relevant SQE1 materials.

Stage IV – Applying the Law to Realistic Fact Patterns

Your study tools: 30 mock tests (with 90 questions each).

The next and final step in your preparation is to attempt mock tests in a similar format and structure to the formal SQE1 assessment.

The mock tests should give you a better indication of the overall progress in your preparation, taking into account your knowledge, understanding and application of the subject areas in the SQE1 Assessment Specification.

Before attempting the mocks, it is recommended that you consult the Pearson website to get a feel for the setup of the real assessment mode. This can be accessed at: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/kaplansqe/demo-exam>.

The questions appear in a random order, where the topics are intermingled and do not follow the sequence of the areas.

In many cases, you will find that the five answers are plausible or have very little difference between them. You should always look for the best answer, and not necessarily for the correct one (as it is possible that more than one answer will be correct).

The mock tests are available in two formats:

1. **Pearson VUE-like Simulation** - Replicates the real SQE1 exam format as closely as possible. You will not receive feedback during the test. All correct answers and full explanations (including comparisons to your selected answers) will be shown only after you complete the entire test. This format uses the 2-hour 33-minute time limit to simulate real exam conditions. The timer will present the time in minutes as it does in the formal assessment.
2. **Immediate Feedback** - You will see the correct answer and a full explanation immediately after each question. This format also uses the 2-hour 33-minute time limit, but the timer will automatically pause while you read the explanations.

The content of the questions is identical in both formats. We have enabled the two formats so that you can decide whichever best suits your needs. In both formats, you will only have one opportunity to answer each question. Once you have completed a mock test, your score will be provided with a notification of whether or not you have passed.

The pass mark set for the mock tests is based on the average pass marks of previous SQE1 assessments. Note however that the pass mark in the formal SQE1 assessment may vary from one test to another, as it is determined by a "Standard Setting Panel" convened by the SRA.

In addition, our Pearson VUE-like platform is designed to be similar to the real SQE1 system; however, the layout and functionality may differ slightly from the official Pearson VUE platform.

The purpose of the mock tests is to give you an indication of your progress in developing the requisite knowledge for the formal assessment. It is not possible, however, to include all variants that may appear in the formal assessment. The precise format or level of difficulty of the questions in the mock tests may differ from those contained in the formal assessment.

We highly recommend that you attempt as many mock tests as possible before taking the SQE1 assessment, and that you familiarise yourself with the Pearson VUE format, which will be used in the real exam. By doing so, you are giving yourself the best possible chance of success. There is no limit on the number of times you may attempt a mock test.

If you follow your study plan and use all the tools provided in the course, you will be well-prepared for the assessment and increase your chances of passing on your first attempt.

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