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SOLICITORS QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

QUALIFIED LAWYERS TRANSFER SCHEME

Purpose

Assessing all aspiring solicitors, regardless of their background



Assessing foreign qualified lawyers

Structure of the Assessments

TWO STAGES

Stage 1 Functioning Legal Knowledge Assessments

Stage 2 Practical Legal Skills Assessments

Candidates must pass Stage 1 before they can attempt Stage 2



TWO PARTS

Part 1 Multiple Choice Test (MCT)

Part 2 Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

Candidates must pass the MCT before they can attempt the OSCE

STAGE 1

PART 1

Content

Assessing legal knowledge in a practical and procedural context



Assessing application of knowledge of substantive law

Type of Questions



Computer-based assessments employing a single best answer (SBA) question format – consist of a stem, lead-in question and five possible options where only one is the best response

Legal Practice Areas

Based on the SRA Statement of Solicitor Competence

- ✓ Principles of Professional Conduct, Public and Administrative law, and the Legal Systems of England and Wales
- ✓ Dispute Resolution in Contract or Tort
- ✓ Property Law and Practice
- ✓ Commercial and Corporate Law and Practice
- ✓ Criminal Law and Practice
- ✓ Wills and the Administration of Estates and Trusts



Based on the SRA Day One Outcomes

- ✓ Professional Conduct, Solicitors' Accounts and Financial Regulation
- ✓ Taxation
- ✓ Property law
- ✓ Business law
- ✓ Criminal law
- ✓ EU law
- ✓ Tort
- ✓ Constitutional law
- ✓ Equity and Trusts
- ✓ Human Rights
- ✓ Contract
- ✓ The English Legal System

Number of Assessments

6

The first five of the six assessments are three hours long and consist of 120 questions. The sixth is two hours long and consists of 80 questions

1 x Practical Legal Skills Assessment

- ✓ 1 x Legal Research Task
- ✓ 2 x Written Tasks



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The assessment consists of 180 questions, divided into morning and afternoon periods of 2 hours and 45 minutes each

Number of Hours' Testing

17 hours



2 hours & 45 minutes

Locations

UK and various cities around the world



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Number of Attempts

3

attempts for each assessment in a 6-year period



Unlimited

Pass Mark



Pass mark is set by a panel convened by the SRA using the Modified Angoff procedure

STAGE 2

PART 2

Number of Skills Assessed

5

- ✓ Client Interviewing
- ✓ Advocacy/Persuasive Oral Communication
- ✓ Case and Matter Analysis
- ✓ Legal Research and Written Advice
- ✓ Legal Drafting

This is a skills assessment, however, candidates cannot be competent in a skill area if they misconceive the law



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- ✓ Client Interviewing
- ✓ Advocacy/Oral Presentation
- ✓ Legal Writing
- ✓ Legal Drafting
- ✓ Online Legal Research

Law and skills are weighted equally

Type of Questions



The five skills are assessed through simulated legal environments and role-play exercises as well as writing/drafting tasks and a live research exercise through the use of professional online legal databases

Legal Practice Areas

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- ✓ Property
- ✓ Dispute Resolution
- ✓ Criminal Practice
- ✓ Wills and the Administration of Estates and Trusts
- ✓ Commercial and Corporate Practice



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- ✓ Business Law
- ✓ Civil and Criminal Litigation
- ✓ Property Law, Wills and Probate

Number of Assessments

10

All five skills assessments must be taken and passed in the same two practice areas (out of five) of the candidate's choice



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In each of the three practice areas candidates are tested on the five skills – no element of choice

Number of Hours' Testing

20 hours



12 hours & 15 minutes

Locations

UK, and various cities around the world for the Legal Research and Written Advice and Legal Drafting assessments



UK

Pass Mark



Borderline regression is used – which is an absolute, examinee-centred standard setting method

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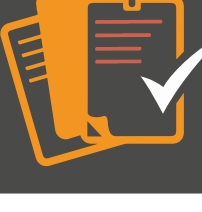
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Time to Complete the Two Parts/Stages

6 years



No time frame



Assessment Organisation

Sole assessment provider - not allowed to offer training for the assessments