

# Access to Law: SQE Exam Fund Scholarship

## Terms and Conditions

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1** The Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) is using the SQE Access and Reinvestment Fund (the Fund) to support schemes that help aspiring solicitors who face significant personal barriers to qualify.
- 1.2** Law Training Centre was selected to receive an allocation of the Fund (Assessment Funding) to be used to pay the assessment fees of selected candidates, namely the cost charged by Kaplan on behalf of the SRA for sitting an SQE. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund cannot be used to pay the cost of a SQE Preparation Course with Law Training Centre or elsewhere.
- 1.3** The allocation of Assessment Funding must be used to cover the cost of sitting the SQE1 or SQE2 exams only and must be spent by 30 September 2026. Should the Assessment Funding be utilised in advance of that date the SQE Access and Reinvestment Fund Scheme Scholarship will cease.
- 1.4** The terms and conditions set out the following:
- The scope of the terms and conditions
  - The application process
  - The eligibility criteria
  - The use of personal data
  - Assessment booking information with reference to the SQE Access and Reinvestment Fund Scheme
  - Appeals

## 2. Scope

- 2.1** The terms and conditions apply to individuals who make an application to Law Training Centre for the [Access to Law: SQE Exam Fund Scholarship](#).
- 2.2** The terms and conditions are in addition to Law Training Centre's terms and conditions of service.
- 2.3** Law Training Centre reserves the right to vary, replace or change these terms and conditions at any time.

## 3. Application process

- 3.1** All applications must be made using Law Training Centre's [Access to Law: SQE Exam Fund Scholarship](#) application form.
- 3.2** The application form must be submitted to Law Training Centre using the process and procedure set out on the Law Training Centre website, adhering to the timescales published.
- 3.3** A shortlisted applicant must comply with any requests for information in the timescales set by the Law Training Centre. A failure to do so will result in the applicant being removed from the shortlist.
- 3.4** A successful applicant must ensure that they provide confirmation of their booked assessment by the date specified by Law Training Centre. A failure to do so may result in the allocation being withdrawn and being awarded to another applicant.
- 3.5** The choice to delay a SQE assessment booking or payment to await the outcome of an application is at the applicant's own risk. Law Training Centre does not accept any liability for any unavailability of assessment dates or locations.
- 3.6** A successful applicant may only receive funding for the sitting of the SQE exam in identified assessment window on their application. No future assessment windows will be covered by the scholarship award.

## 4. Eligibility criteria

**4.1** The scheme is designed to assist aspiring solicitors who are self-funding, and have the commitment and ability to qualify but whose means to do so are limited by significant personal barriers

**4.2** Law Training Centre has set the criteria to be eligible to apply for the SQE Access and Reinvestment Fund Scheme Scholarship.

**4.3** The following criteria set out below must be met:

**a. Financial eligibility:**

- i. The applicant is self-funding the SQE assessment, and
- ii. The applicant has no or limited access to other means of paying for the SQE assessments (including access to familial loans or financial gifts, access to savings, access to loans).

**b. Course eligibility:**

- i. The applicant is enrolled on a SQE1 or SQE2 Preparation course with Law Training Centre
- ii. The applicant is on track to successfully complete the SQE1 or SQE2 preparation course on which they are enrolled in advance of the designated assessment window.
- iii. The applicant is committed to taking the assessment in the designated assessment window.

**c. Personal circumstances eligibility:**

- i. The applicant has exceptional personal circumstances leading to the necessity for financial support

Further detail for each is set out in sections 5 to 7.

**4.4** If the criteria in 4.3 is satisfied, the application will be reviewed and assessed by Law Training Centre's Scholarships Team based on a range of criteria, including:

- a. Academic achievement evidenced through education to date
- b. Passion and commitment to qualifying as a Solicitor with the SQE evidenced through personal statement.
- c. Demonstration of ability to pass the SQE evidenced through progress and achievements on a Law Training Centre SQE Preparation course.

## 5. Financial eligibility

**5.1** The SRA require that the funds in the Access and Reinvestment Fund are used to provide candidates with financial provision in relation to the cost of the SQE where the candidate is financially disadvantaged

**5.2** Applicants will be required to declare on the application form that they meet the financial eligibility requirements.

**5.3** If an applicant is shortlisted, Law Training Centre will make reasonable enquiries of the applicant to confirm that the financial eligibility declared on the scholarship application are valid.

**5.4** Applicants must comply with requests of Law Training Centre to provide documentation to support their financial circumstances in accordance with the deadlines set. Such documentation will include, but is not limited to:

- a. Last 3 months' bank statements at the point of application
- b. Proof of benefits entitlement (if stated)
- c. Loan rejection or acceptances (as applicable)

**5.5** A failure to provide documentation requested by Law Training Centre, or if submitted late will result in the application being refused.

- 5.6** Successful applicants have a duty to advise Law Training Centre if their financial circumstances change so that they no longer meet the eligibility criteria.
- 5.7** Law Training Centre reserves the right to withdraw the award of Assessment Funding prior to the SQE assessment booking being confirmed by the SRA should an applicant's financial circumstances significantly change.

## **6. Course eligibility**

- 6.1** The **Access to Law: SQE Exam Fund Scholarship** is only available to Law Training Centre learners who are enrolled on one of the SQE Preparation courses listed at 6.2 and will continue to be enrolled on the course at the point of assessment.
- 6.2** The SQE Preparation course to which eligibility applies are:
- a.** SQE1 Prep: Flexi-learn
  - b.** SQE1 Prep: Exam-track
  - c.** SQE1+2 Complete Prep for Law Graduates
  - d.** SQE1+2 Complete Prep for LPC Graduates
  - e.** SQE2 Prep
- 6.3** Applications for the SQE Access and Reinvestment Fund Scheme Scholarship cannot be made prior to enrolment.
- 6.4** Applicants may be asked to evidence their study plan to demonstrate that they are on track to successfully complete the SQE preparation course and are committed to taking the assessment in the designated assessment window.
- 6.5** Law Training Centre reserves the right to withdraw the award of Assessment Funding prior to the SQE assessment booking being confirmed by the SRA should an applicant fail to engage or otherwise fall behind in their completion, or withdraw from the SQE Preparation Course.

## **7. Personal circumstances eligibility**

- 7.1** The personal circumstances described must lead to the necessity for financial support
- 7.2** Personal circumstances could include, but is not limited to having faced exceptional circumstances in pursuing their studies and aim to qualify as a solicitor due to:
- a.** a disability
  - b.** the candidates having spent time in local authority care
  - c.** family estrangement

## **8. Personal Data**

- 8.1** Law Training Centre will use the personal data provided by applicants to:
- a.** Process the application
  - b.** Consider eligibility
  - c.** Provide an outcome to the individual applicant
- 8.2** The use of personal data will be in accordance with Law Training Centre's terms and conditions.
- 8.3** By making an application for the **Access to Law: SQE Exam Fund Scholarship**, applicants agree for their personal data to be shared with the SRA.

- 8.4** The personal data of applicants will be used by the SRA in accordance with the SQE Privacy Notice found at <https://sqa.sra.org.uk/policies/candidateprivacy-notice-policy>. In accordance with that Privacy Notice the SRA will use data in an anonymised format to research, prepare and publish or share statistics or research obtained from the data (but not in a way that identifies anyone)
- 8.5** The SRA may share any data that Law Training Centre provides to the SRA with fraud prevention agencies and third parties for the purposes of preventing and detecting fraud. Any personal data the SRA collect's will be managed in accordance with the SQE Privacy Notice.

## **9. Assessment booking**

- 9.1** The SQE assessment booking remains the responsibility of the applicant.
- 9.2** The Assessment Funding will be applied to the relevant booking by Kaplan when the Individual SQE ID Number notified to the SRA by Law Training Centre is used to make a reservation.
- 9.3** Any SQE Assessment funded by the Assessment Funding and the booking of such Assessment is subject the SQE Terms and Conditions for Assessments found at <https://sqa.sra.org.uk/policies/sqe-assessment-terms-and-conditions>.
- 9.4** The Assessment Funding cannot be redeemed other than for payment of Assessment Fees. The SRA will not provide any cash or monetary award in place of the Assessment Funding and the Assessment Funding will not be provided to any Aspiring Solicitor directly
- 9.5** In the event that an Aspiring Solicitor benefits from the Assessment Funding and subsequently applies for any kind of mitigating circumstances (or otherwise) in respect of the relevant SQE Assessment for which the Assessment Funding has been utilised and such application is accepted then any amount of the Assessment Fee that is eligible to be refunded in accordance with the SQE Terms shall be allocated back to Law Training Centre to use again, or
- 9.6** In the event that an Aspiring Solicitor has Assessment Fees paid for by the Assessment Funding but is subsequently unable to sit the SQE Assessment(s) on the applicable date(s) due to reasons beyond their control then whether any of the Assessment Fee is refundable will be determined in accordance with the SQE Terms.
- 9.7** For the avoidance of doubt, if any amount of an Assessment Fee is not refundable in accordance with the SQE Terms, then the Assessment Funding used for that Assessment Fee shall not be available to use again.

## **10. Appeals**

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