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SQE1 January 2025 Statistical Report

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The Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) is a single rigorous assessment for all aspiring solicitors. It consists of two parts: SQE1, which tests candidates' functioning legal knowledge and SQE2 which tests candidates' practical legal skills and knowledge.

This report includes statistics that provide some simple feedback on the January 2025 SQE1 assessments and their performance. The table below shows the number of candidates, the passing score, and the overall pass rate for FLK1 and FLK2. It also shows the number of candidates who sat both parts of SQE1 and their pass rate.

Statistic	FLK1	FLK2	SQE1
Passing Score	300	300	-
Candidates (All)	7071	7287	6782
Candidates who did not sit*	7	57	64
Candidates (Graded)	7064	7230	6718
Pass Rate (All Candidates)	64%	61%	56%
Candidates (First attempt only)	6009	5965	5908
Pass Rate (First attempt only)	66%	64%	60%

*Candidates who used an attempt but did not sit one of the assessments (with no mitigating circumstances). These candidates are no longer included in the pass rates and statistics within this report.

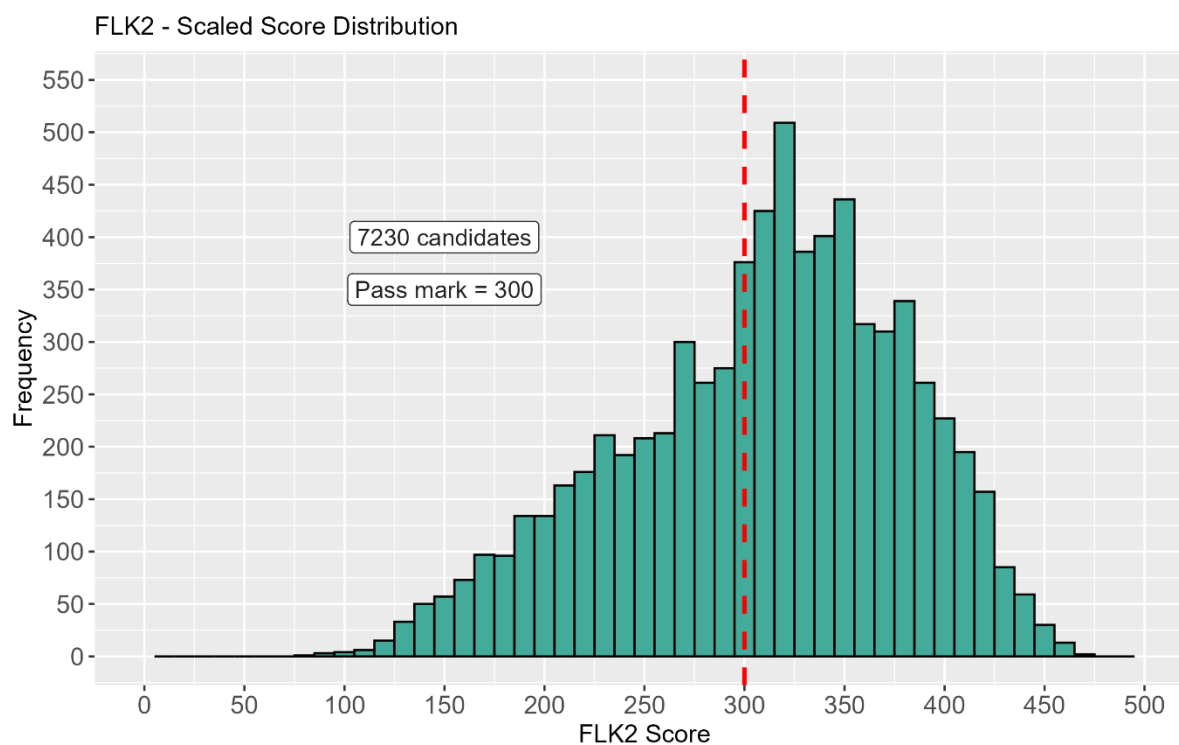
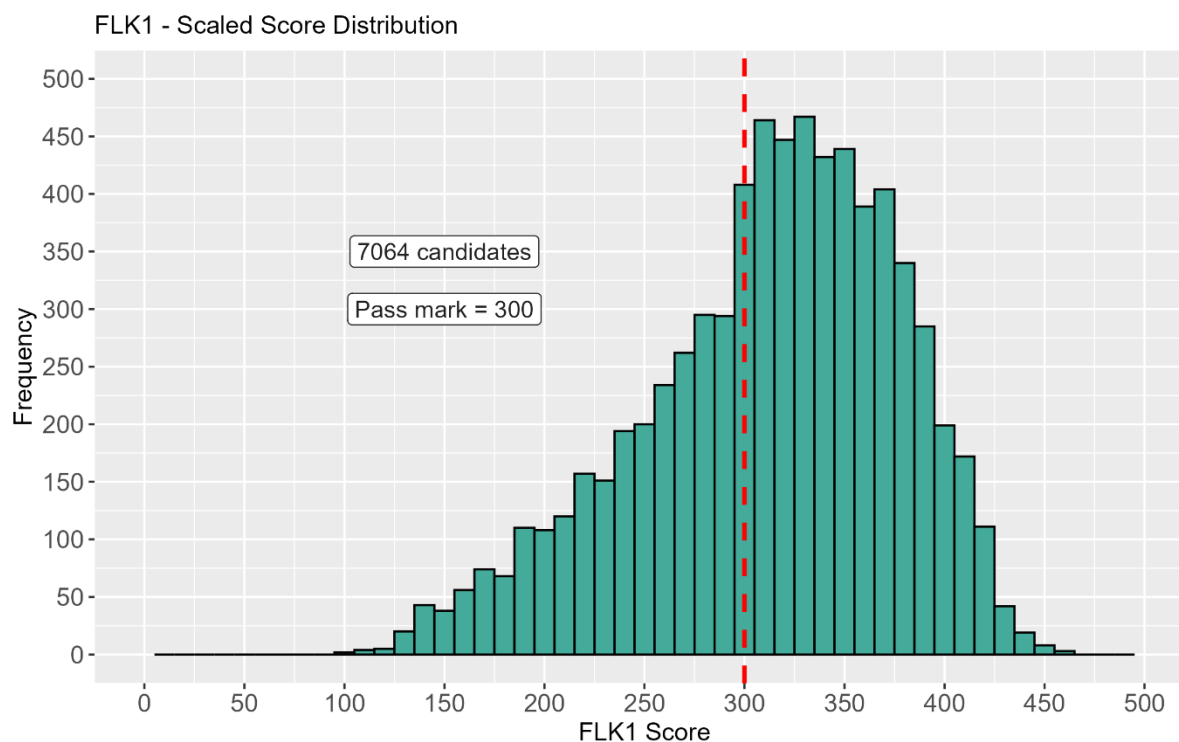
Descriptive Statistics

The following table shows the average (mean) score, the standard deviation, median score, minimum score, maximum score and range of observed scores for FLK1 and FLK2.

Statistic	FLK1	FLK2
Mean	312.5	309.3
SD	64.7	71.2
Median	320	317.5
Min	98	84
Max	459	469
Range	361	385

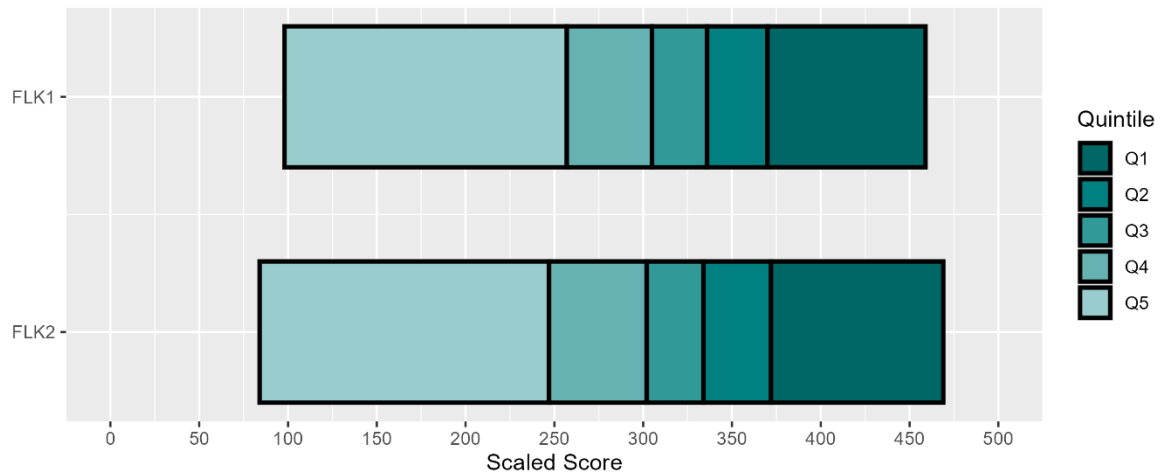
Score Distribution Charts

The following charts show the distribution of scores for FLK1 and FLK2, with a red line showing the passing score required for each assessment.



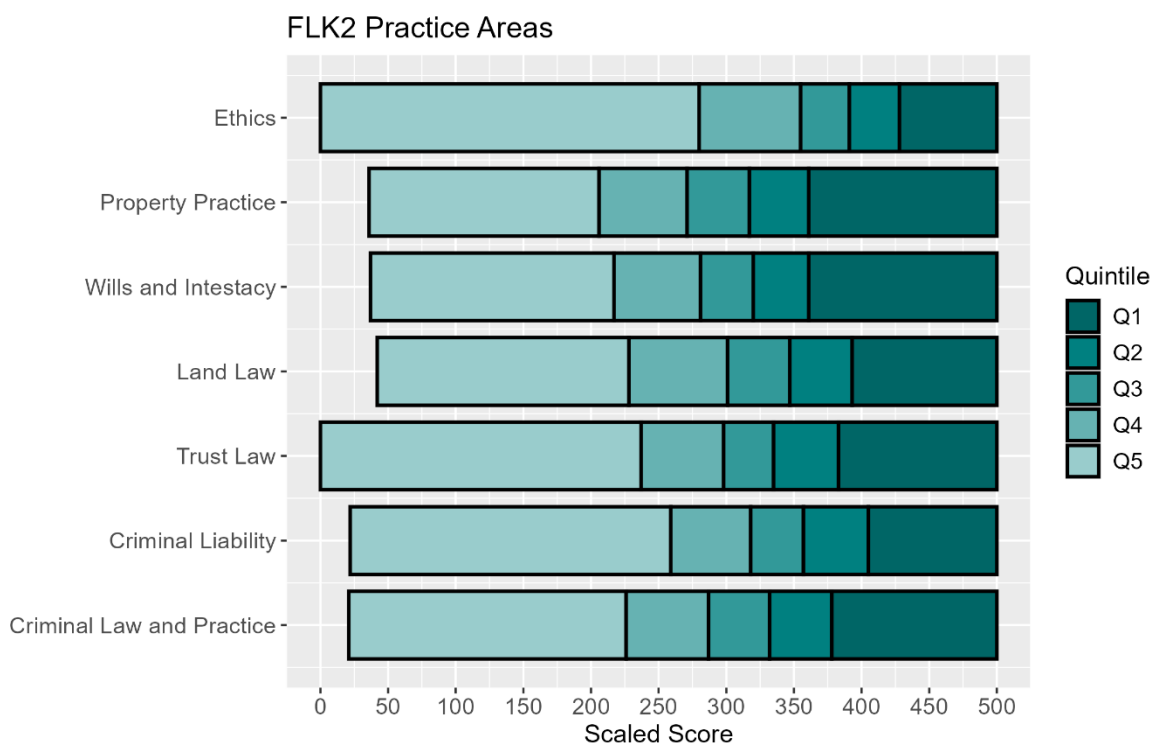
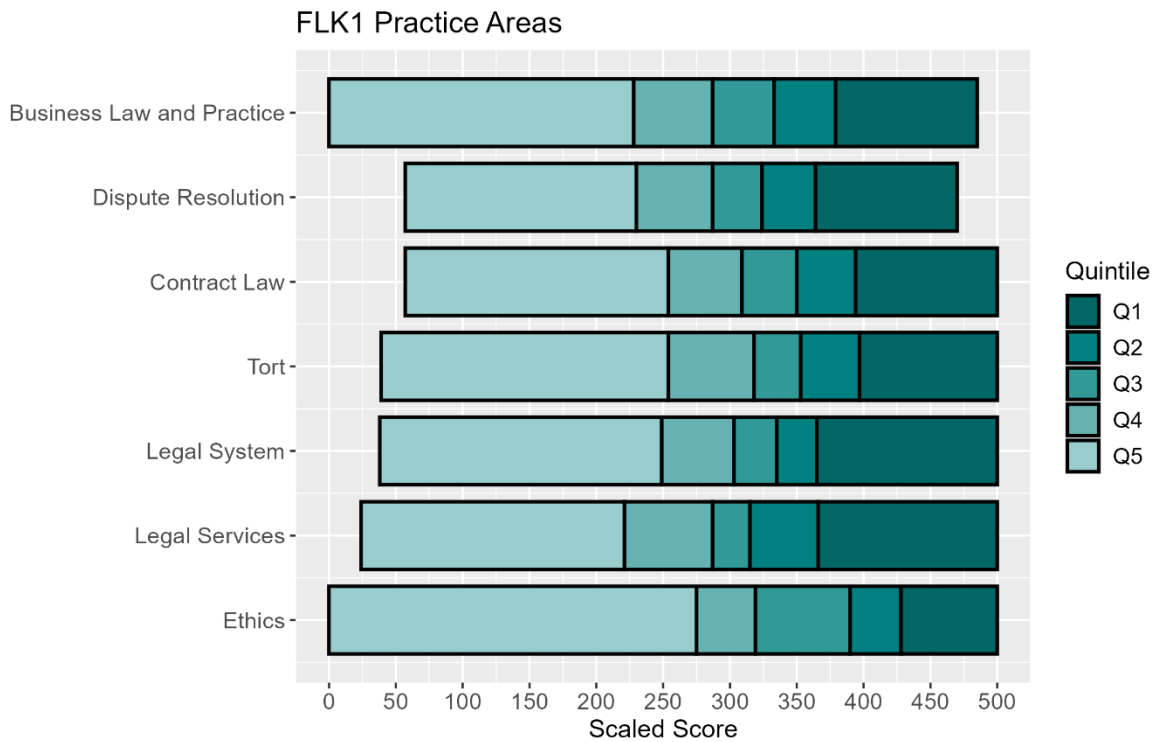
Score Quintile Chart

This chart shows the quintile score ranges for FLK1 and FLK2, with a minimum possible score of 0 and a maximum possible score of 500. A fifth of candidates fall within each quintile, with Q1 showing the top fifth and Q5 showing the bottom fifth of candidates.



Performance by Practice Area

These charts show the scores for the different practice areas within FLK1 and FLK2, with a minimum possible score of 0 and a maximum possible score of 500. A fifth of candidates fall within each quintile, with Q1 showing the top fifth and Q5 showing the bottom fifth of candidates.



Pass Rates

The SRA collects diversity and socio-economic data to help understand how candidates with different characteristics and backgrounds perform in the assessments. The data categories are consistent with data collected by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and the Social Mobility Commission.

Based on responses to the online diversity survey, completed ahead of assessment registration, the following is provided in each table for FLK1 and FLK2:

- Proportion of candidates in each group (Candidates %)
- Average score within each group (Mean Score)
- Pass rate for each group (Pass Rate %)

The proportion of candidates along with the pass rate is also provided for SQE1.

These tables provide data for the first attempt candidates, with data not reported for groups with fewer than 10 candidates (rows in grey). Performance of all candidates, including resitting candidates, will be presented in the SQE Annual Report.

What is your ethnic group?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Asian / Asian British	25	299	56	25	293	53	25	49
Black / Black British	7	285	44	7	281	44	7	37
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups	6	324	69	6	322	67	6	63
Other ethnic group	6	297	54	6	290	49	6	44
White	50	332	76	50	332	74	50	70
Prefer not to say	6	321	70	6	311	63	6	61

Do you consider yourself to have a disability according to the definition in the Equality Act 2010?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes	9	321	67	9	321	66	9	60
No	85	316	66	85	313	63	85	59
Prefer not to say	6	332	76	6	328	72	6	69

What is your sex?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Female	62	312	63	63	310	62	63	57
Male	36	325	71	35	321	67	35	64
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	2	333	78	2	326	75	2	73

What age category are you in?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
16 - 24	52	319	66	52	320	67	52	62
25 - 34	36	319	70	36	313	64	36	61
35 - 44	9	302	57	9	292	51	9	47
45 - 54	2	289	53	2	280	47	2	42
55 - 64	<1	271	38	<1	252	38	<1	33
65 +	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1	323	73	1	315	68	1	69

What is your religion or belief?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Buddhist	1	311	64	1	301	55	1	53
Christian	27	313	64	27	310	60	27	56
Hindu	5	280	44	5	274	45	5	41
Jewish	1	341	80	1	342	78	1	73
Muslim	12	277	42	12	272	42	12	37
Sikh	2	289	51	2	283	49	2	45
No religion or belief	38	334	77	38	333	74	38	70
Other	1	314	63	1	314	67	1	57
Prefer not to say	13	327	72	13	321	68	13	65

What is your highest level of education?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
At least an undergraduate degree	95	318	67	95	315	64	95	60
Qualifications below degree level	1	304	58	1	300	51	1	48
No formal qualifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not applicable	1	299	61	1	292	57	1	55
Prefer not to say	3	315	68	3	309	61	3	58

What was your undergraduate degree classification?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
1st	26	350	84	25	353	83	26	80
2:1	48	313	64	49	311	63	49	58
2:2	8	254	29	8	246	26	8	21
3rd	1	238	21	1	237	22	<1	15
Commendation	<1	316	67	<1	299	39	<1	33
Distinction	2	316	62	2	303	58	2	53
Pass	1	266	38	1	260	31	1	27
Prefer not to say	6	307	64	6	296	56	6	53
Not applicable	8	319	71	8	312	65	8	63

Did either of your parents attend university by the time you were 18?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes, one or both of my parents attended university	57	324	70	57	322	67	57	64
No, neither of my parents attended university	32	305	60	32	302	58	32	53
Do not know / not sure	2	304	60	2	306	60	2	54
Prefer not to say	9	321	69	9	314	65	9	62

What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Professional background	58	323	69	58	321	67	59	63
Intermediate background	11	308	61	11	307	61	10	56
Working class background	13	305	60	13	301	57	13	52
Other background	3	296	52	3	292	50	3	44
Prefer not to say	15	315	67	15	310	62	15	59

Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
State-run or state-funded school - non-selective	31	312	64	31	312	63	31	58
State-run or state-funded school - selective on academic, faith or other grounds	14	321	69	14	320	66	15	62
Independent or fee-paying school	14	333	74	14	334	74	14	70
Independent or fee-paying school, where I received a bursary covering 90% or more of my tuition	1	331	74	1	337	74	1	72
Attended school outside the UK	31	312	63	31	305	59	31	55
I don't know	1	262	30	1	248	30	<1	32
Other	<1	263	33	<1	265	43	<1	36
Prefer not to say	8	324	71	8	317	66	8	64

Have you undertaken any qualifying work experience?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes	35	311	66	35	304	60	35	56
No	64	320	67	64	320	66	64	62
Prefer not to say	1	320	73	1	301	73	1	69

Are you a qualified lawyer?

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
Yes	22	308	63	22	297	56	22	52
No	78	320	67	78	319	66	78	62
Prefer not to say	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Please state what your first language is:

Response	FLK1			FLK2			SQE1	
	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Mean Score	Pass Rate %	Candidates %	Pass Rate %
English	73	321	68	73	320	67	73	62
Other	26	308	63	26	299	57	26	53
Prefer not to say	1	306	61	1	288	53	1	48