

Your SQE Success Checklist

Design an SQE programme that works for your firm

There's no one-size-fits-all approach to the SQE. The key is creating a programme that supports your people, reflects your firm's culture and meets your business goals.

Whether you're starting from scratch or refining an existing approach, this checklist will help you review your plans, spot any gaps and move forward with confidence.

It's designed to help you build an SQE programme that's not just compliant – but competitive.

We have created a new ebook specially for SME law firms to help you plan your programme. Download **Setting Up for SQE Success, a Practical Guide to SQE Planning and Success** today, and reach out to our Business Development Team for a chat.

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13 Must-Haves for SQE Success:

- ✓ A clear SQE structure: front-loading the prep and exams, hybrid or alongside work
- ✓ Leadership buy-in from the start
- ✓ A defined funding strategy: who pays for what, and when
- ✓ A flexible, supportive training provider
- ✓ Clear, agreed study leave policy
- ✓ Wellbeing and coaching support built in
- ✓ Progress reporting and insights with check-ins scheduled and monitored
- ✓ Professional development skills beyond law, including tech, client management and leadership
- ✓ Contingency plans for re-sits
- ✓ Supervisor training and awareness of SQE demands
- ✓ A feedback loop to continuously improve
- ✓ Mentoring support built in: Ideally from successful SQE candidates who can share lived experience, build confidence and motivate others
- ✓ Clear, transparent communication across teams