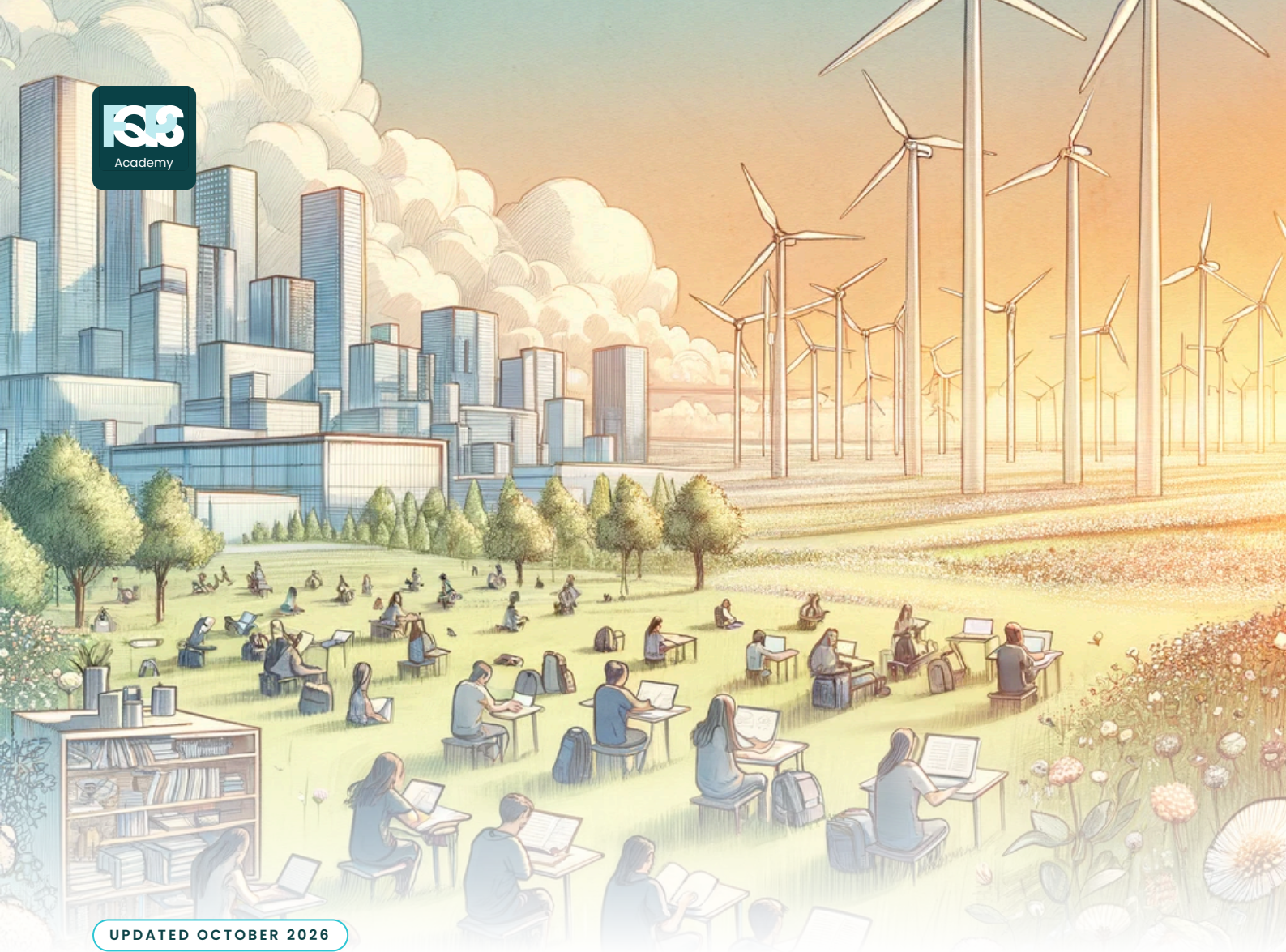




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SQE1 READINESS CHECKLIST · FLK1 & FLK2 · JANUARY 2027

Ready for SQE1?

The key admin steps, readiness checks and exam-day rules for January 2027 in one printable, dated from booking to results day. Print it, pin it up and tick it off, on paper or online.

ADMIN COUNTDOWN

Booking route, ID, fees and logistics, dated to the 23 November booking close.

READY TO SIT?

Knowledge by session, timed performance gates, and the last four weeks, dated.

EXAM DAY AND AFTER

The two-session day, the test-centre rules, what to do if something goes wrong, and results.

6 sections

93 boxes to tick

4 sessions

Printer-friendly

How to use this checklist

Tick each line when it is true, not when you plan to do it. The right-hand column is the last safe date. Pair this checklist with our **SQE1 Specification Checklist** for line-by-line syllabus work.

☐	☐	☒	☒	☒	☐
19 Oct to 18 Nov	19 to 23 Nov	23 Nov, 5pm	11 to 15 Jan	18 to 22 Jan	9 Mar 2027
Reserved a seat? Payment request by email: pay within 48 hours	Direct online booking if you did not reserve (limited seats)	January booking closes	FLK1 window	FLK2 window	Results

MY JANUARY 2027 DETAILS

FLK1 date and report time: _____

FLK2 date and report time: _____

Test centre: _____

Booking reference: _____

READINESS AT A GLANCE

01 Admin countdown _____ / 13

02 Knowledge _____ / 18

03 Performance _____ / 23

04 The last four weeks _____ / 16

05 Exam day _____ / 14

06 After the exam _____ / 9

The January 2027 format in numbers

170

questions per FLK, sat as two sessions of 85

2h 33m

per session: about 108 seconds a question

60 min

break between sessions; back within 50 min to re-register

4

sessions in all: two per FLK, each FLK on its own day

5

options per question, one best answer, no negative marking

300

the scaled pass mark for each FLK

3

attempts at each FLK, within six years

£1,003

per FLK for 2026/27 (£2,006 for both)

Each session covers a fixed group of subjects (page 4), and ethics can appear in any of them. The format applies to first-time candidates and resitters alike.



TICK IT ONLINE

Scan to open the interactive version of this checklist. Your ticks, dates and notes save on your device, with no account needed.

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Booked, verified, paid

Most last-minute stress is admin, not law. Clear these first.

YOUR BOOKING ROUTE FOR JANUARY 2027

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|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| ☐ | I know which route applies to me: a seat reserved in the 22-24 September 2026 window, or direct booking. | now |
| ☐ | Reserved a seat: I have watched for the payment request email (sent between 10am on 19 October and 5pm on 18 November), accepted the seat and paid by card or voucher within 48 hours.
Miss the 48 hours and the seat is cancelled. Check spam and your SQE account. | 18 Nov |
| ☐ | No reservation: I have booked directly online between 10am on 19 November and 5pm on 23 November. Seats are limited, so I log in at 10am on day one.
You book through Pearson VUE, then pay in your SQE account. Expect a queue. | 23 Nov, 5pm |
| ☐ | Booking confirmed: my centre, FLK1 and FLK2 dates and report times are in my calendar. | on booking |
| ☐ | I have logged in early and cleared any survey or account prompt that could block booking. | by 18 Oct |

IDENTITY AND ACCOUNT

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|--------------------------|--|-----|
| ☐ | The name on my ID exactly matches the name on my SQE registration (my SQE account, which is separate from mySRA). | now |
| ☐ | I have two original IDs, valid on both exam days: a passport, photocard driving licence or national ID card, plus a second ID with my name and signature, such as a signed bank card.
Photocopies and digital IDs are refused, and a refused candidate loses the fee. | now |

FEES AND FUNDING

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|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| ☐ | Fee paid: £1,003 per FLK, £2,006 for both (2026/27 fees, VAT exempt). There are no payment plans. | on booking |
| ☐ | If my employer is paying, the voucher names the January 2027 sitting (a voucher does not reserve a seat). | before booking |
| ☐ | I know the cancellation charges: a full refund within 14 days of booking, then rising charges up to 100% as the window nears. | on booking |

ADJUSTMENTS AND LOGISTICS

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|--------------------------|---|-------|
| ☐ | Reasonable adjustments: the January deadline (24 September) has passed. Late applications are considered only in exceptional circumstances. | check |
| ☐ | Exam days booked off work, plus the days after each window in case a disruption means rescheduling. | Dec |
| ☐ | Route to the centre planned with a backup; accommodation booked if it is far. | Dec |

Ready, session by session

From January 2027 you sit each FLK as two sessions with a fixed group of subjects, so check readiness the same way. Count your **Learnt** lines from the SQE1 Specification Checklist, rate yourself from 1 (shaky) to 5 (solid), and tick the last box only when the subject is at 4 or above.

SUBJECT	SPEC LINES LEARNT	SELF-RATING	READY
FLK1 · SESSION 1			
Business Law and Practice	_____ / 44	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Dispute Resolution	_____ / 84	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Legal Services	_____ / 25	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
FLK1 · SESSION 2			
Contract Law	_____ / 37	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Tort	_____ / 24	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Legal System	_____ / 47	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
FLK2 · SESSION 1			
Wills and the Administration of Estates	_____ / 75	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Trusts Law	_____ / 41	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Land Law	_____ / 34	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Solicitors Accounts, wills context (same 25 lines)	_____ / 25	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
FLK2 · SESSION 2			
Property Law and Practice	_____ / 112	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Criminal Liability	_____ / 38	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Criminal Law and Practice	_____ / 94	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
Solicitors Accounts, property context (same 25 lines)	_____ / 25	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐
EVERY SESSION			
Ethics and Professional Conduct	_____ / 6	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	☐

KNOWLEDGE GATES

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|--------------------------|--|--------|
| ☐ | Every specification line is at least Learnt , and nothing on the checklist is a blank. | 14 Dec |
| ☐ | I know which tax reliefs and exemptions exist and when they apply. The figures are given in the question when you need them. | 14 Dec |
| ☐ | I can spot ethics inside any subject, without a heading telling me it is an ethics question. | exam |

Ready under exam conditions

Knowing the law is half of it. These gates check that you can use it at 108 seconds a question, for two sessions in a row. Single best answer: five options, one mark each, no negative marking, so never leave a question blank.

TIMED GATES

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|--|--------|
| ☐ I have sat a full FLK1 paper in the 2027 format: two 85-question sessions with the 60-minute break. | 20 Dec |
| ☐ I have sat a full FLK2 paper in the same format. | 27 Dec |
| ☐ I finish each 85-question session with a few minutes to spare, without rushing the last ten. | exam |
| ☐ I have sat at least one session starting at my real report time, to test my energy and focus. | 4 Jan |
| ☐ I have tried the Pearson VUE demo of the SQE1 platform, so the screen holds no surprises. | 4 Jan |

QUALITY GATES

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|--|-------|
| ☐ My error log is up to date, and my ten most frequent error types have a fix written next to them. | 3 Jan |
| ☐ My last three mixed-subject scores are steady or rising. | exam |
| ☐ I have practised Solicitors Accounts in both contexts: with wills and with property. | 3 Jan |

Pacing checkpoints 85-QUESTION SESSION

QUESTION	ELAPSED	HIT IT?
17	0:31	☐
34	1:01	☐
51	1:32	☐
68	2:02	☐
85	2:33 (time called)	☐

Score tracker FULL TIMED PAPERS

DATE	PAPER	SESSION 1	SESSION 2

My top ten error types FROM YOUR ERROR LOG

#	ERROR TYPE (WHAT KEEPS GOING WRONG)	MY FIX	CLOSED
1			☐
2			☐
3			☐
4			☐
5			☐
6			☐
7			☐
8			☐
9			☐
10			☐

The last four weeks, dated

Dated for the January 2027 windows. Sitting only one FLK? Use the weeks before your paper and skip the other mock.

WEEK	DONE
14–20 Dec	☐ Full timed FLK1 paper with the break ☐ Two days reviewing every miss, not just the score ☐ Error log updated
21–27 Dec	☐ Full timed FLK2 paper with the break ☐ Targeted fixes on your weakest session ☐ Christmas week: two timed sessions, not zero
28 Dec–3 Jan	☐ Close your ten most frequent error types ☐ One mixed 85-question set at your real report time
4–10 Jan	☐ Light review only ☐ Aiming for SQE2 in April? Seat reservation form 5–8 Jan, before FLK1 ☐ Rehearse the day: route, both IDs, report time, food for the break ☐ Sleep: same bedtime as exam week
11–15 Jan	☐ FLK1, on your booked day: _____ ☐ After FLK1: switch to FLK2 weak spots, nothing new
18–22 Jan	☐ FLK2, on your booked day: _____ ☐ Then rest. Results come on 9 March 2027

Notes for exam week

The day itself

Two sessions, one break, no surprises. These are the key SQE test-centre rules, summarised from the SQE website.

The night before

- ☐ Booking confirmation saved: centre address, report time and the length of the day.
- ☐ Both original IDs packed, names matching my SQE registration.
- ☐ A small bag, plus food and water for the break: nothing is provided.
- ☐ Clothes in layers: there is no dress code, and bulky outer layers may come off at security.
- ☐ Bed at my normal exam-week time.

Into the room

- ☐ I report at the time in my confirmation email. Late arrivals cannot enter.
- ☐ Phone, watch, notes, food and drink go in the locker. Foam earplugs are allowed after inspection.
- ☐ I complete the Fit to Sit declaration: I sit only if I am fit to.
- ☐ I use the whiteboard, marker and on-screen calculator provided; nothing of my own.

The two sessions

- ☐ Session 1: 85 questions, 2 hours 33 minutes. I keep to the pacing checkpoints.
- ☐ The 60-minute break: I can leave the centre and use my things, but I am back within 50 minutes to re-register, with an ID check. If I am late, I am not admitted to session 2.
- ☐ Session 2: 85 questions, a fresh start. A hard first session says nothing about the second.
- ☐ An unscheduled break does not stop the clock, and leaving early is not allowed.
- ☐ Afterwards I do not discuss or post any question content. A breach means a fail and usually a bar from sitting again.

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG ON THE DAY

Raise your hand at once for any problem with the test itself; report illness **before you leave the test centre**. Either way, ask for a case reference number. Reporting it is not a claim: submit a mitigating circumstances claim in your SQE account **by 16:00 UK time on the fifth working day** after that FLK, with your evidence (for illness, a medical certificate). If you fail and the claim is accepted, the attempt is discounted and the fee refunded (in full for an administrative error or bias, 75% for illness or personal circumstances); it never raises your marks.

Results day and what comes next

Results for the January 2027 sitting are due on **Tuesday 9 March 2027**, in your SQE account only. You must complete the SRA's training provider survey, which opens about four weeks before, to see them.

If you passed

- ☐ Both FLKs passed: SQE1 done. Plan SQE2 with our **SQE2 readiness checklist**.
- ☐ Aiming for SQE2 in April 2027? Its seat reservation runs 5-8 January 2027, before your SQE1. I have checked the SRA's booking page for how candidates awaiting results can reserve.
- ☐ Qualifying work experience: I know how much I have and who will confirm it.

5-8 Jan

If you did not pass

- ☐ I have read my result: scaled score against 300, the quintile and the practice-area scores.
- ☐ I resit only what I failed: a passed FLK carries forward, and I cannot resit it to improve.
- ☐ I know I have three attempts at each FLK, within six years of my first SQE assessment.
- ☐ I know an appeal is due by 16:00 on the 10th working day after results, with the £350 fee paid by phone, and that there are no re-marks.
- ☐ The next window is July 2027 (FLK1 12-16 July, FLK2 19-23 July). I will book once its booking dates are published.
- ☐ I have downloaded our free resit guide, **The Comeback Guide**.

Notes



Every box ticked?

Then test your pace under real conditions. One full-length FLK1 mock and one full-length FLK2 mock in the January 2027 format, each two 85-question sessions with the 60-minute break, are free when you register. No card required. They do not include Ethics or Solicitors Accounts questions, so use the SRA's sample questions for those.

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