

# LOD Trainee FAQs

*Our SQE training programme explained*

**LOD is able to provide a route to qualification for paralegals who work with us, and proud to help open up access to the profession.**

**We're in a unique position to give you experience in some of the country's most prestigious in-house legal teams, alongside a development framework to prepare you for the SQE exams and your future career as a lawyer.**

**Hopefully these FAQs help to answer your questions on how it'll work.**

## Which route to qualification should I take?

There are different routes to qualification, and you'll need to do some research to find the one that's right for you. You might find [this diagram](#) a helpful starting point, and there's plenty more information on the [SRA website](#). If you choose the LOD Trainee SQE qualification route, you will need to have completed 6 months on assignment beforehand.

## What do I need to qualify as a Solicitor through the SQE route?

You'll need to:

- have a degree in any subject or equivalent level 6 qualification
- pass both stages of the SQE assessment
- gain two years' full-time (or equivalent) qualifying work experience
- pass the SRA's character and suitability requirements.

## How will LOD support me?

We'll help you start recording your experience in our digital mySQE journal immediately. We'll also support you in developing the competencies the SRA asks for.

Once you've successfully completed our LOD Trainee assessment centre, you'll join our training programme, which will equip you with the soft skills needed for a successful career in law. And we'll hold quarterly appraisals to discuss your experiences, hear what you'd like to focus on next and share feedback from our client to support your learning.

## Who signs off my Qualifying Work Experience?

As a registered SQE training provider, it'll ultimately be us that signs off your experience, but we'll stay connected with our clients to ensure that they have visibility and input whilst you're on assignment with them.

## **Will I be left to 'get on with it' outside of mySQE ?**

No - we'll be on hand to gather feedback from our client and give you guidance and support. We'll also check in regularly to make sure you're covering the spectrum of competencies you need. And once you're qualified, we'll work with you to find assignments that give you the best start to your in-house career.

## **How much does it cost?**

Currently the SQE1 exam costs £1798 and the SQE2 costs £2766 (fees fixed by the SRA). You'll also pay a fee for your preparatory courses, which varies between providers.

## **Will LOD help fund my qualification?**

Yes! We've agreed preferential rates with BARBRI for their preparatory courses. In addition to this, official LOD Trainees will receive 25% funding from LOD towards their SQE exam and corresponding BARBRI prep course. We'll also be awarding two fully funded scholarships per year.

## **I know someone who would make a great LOD Trainee, can they do it too?**

Yes! If we successfully place someone you've referred to us you'll get a referral bonus of £1,000 and they'll get £500.

