

Qualifying work experience back to basics

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Qualifying work experience (QWE) is the on-the-job training needed to qualify as a solicitor through the SQE route. But what is it?

Aimed at law firms and organisations providing QWE, watch our free on-demand webinar and get the facts about:

- what counts as QWE and what doesn't
- how long must it be
- what we expect of solicitors and law firms
- how a candidate records their QWE
- how a solicitor confirms QWE and what they're confirming
- whether QWE can be 'backdated'
- what you can do if a supervising solicitor has left your organisation.

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- [Recording and confirming qualifying work experience](https://youtu.be/HxakIEOO-OQ)
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