

The SQE: what it means for law firms

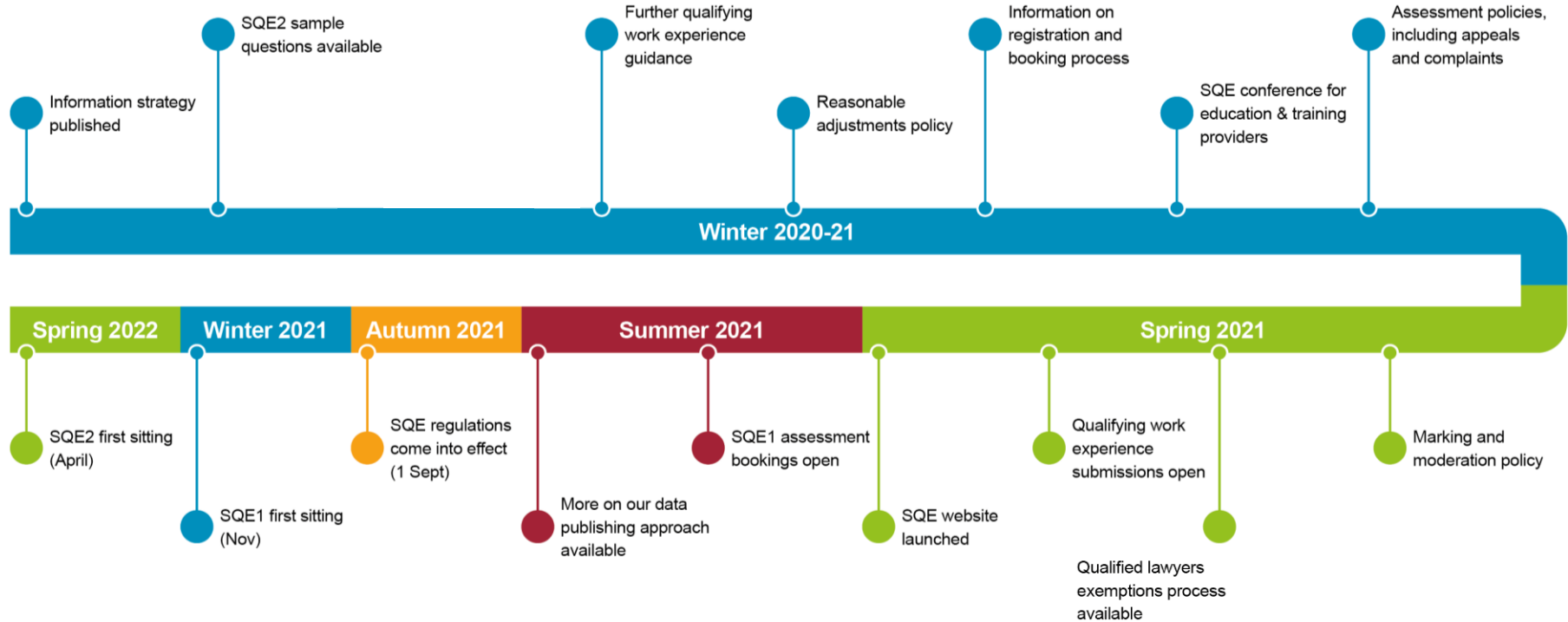
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The SQE – a reminder



- A single, robust, examination all aspiring solicitors will have to take
- To be introduced on 1 September 2021; details of the transition to SQE are on our website
- Everyone will meet the same high standards in a consistent way
- We will no longer specify routes to admission as a solicitor

What's next?



Action for us all

Joint responsibility to take action to realise SQE benefits:

'Increasing diversity in the profession is dependent critically on the actions of employers and training providers, with actions by the SRA likely to achieve only modest gains without corresponding action from stakeholders in the sector.'

Bridge Group



Employers who currently employ trainees can now recruit from different talent pools and qualification routes



Employers who don't currently employ trainees might want to think about whether they can offer qualifying work experience



We want to collaborate with firms and training providers. Tell us what support you would find helpful: sqe@sra.org.uk

What's already happening?



Variety and choice in solicitor training:

- Traditional delivery, or online courses, or integration between classroom and work-based learning
- Short focused courses or additional learning
- The trainee or apprenticeship or paralegal models



Closer collaboration between traditional universities and providers of professional legal education and/or law firms



New entrants to the market



Price competition