

YRM SQE1 CHECKLIST — CRIMINAL LAW (FLK2)

Aligned with the SRA SQE1 Assessment Specification

This checklist is designed as a **final coverage and readiness check** for SQE1 Criminal Law. It is not a teaching resource and does not replace revision, practice questions, or mocks. Use it to confirm that you have covered everything the SRA can assess — and to identify gaps **before exam day**, not after.

1. Core Knowledge Coverage (SRA-Aligned)

Tick each box **only if you could recognise the issue and apply the law in a scenario-based MCQ**.

- Foundations of criminal liability
- Actus reus (including omissions)
- Causation (factual and legal)
- Mens rea: intention
- Mens rea: recklessness
- Strict liability offences
- General defences (overview)
- Homicide: murder
- Voluntary manslaughter (loss of control, diminished responsibility)
- Involuntary manslaughter (unlawful act and gross negligence)
- Non-fatal offences against the person
- Property offences: theft
- Property offences: robbery
- Property offences: burglary and aggravated burglary
- Property offences: fraud offences
- General defences: self-defence
- General defences: intoxication
- General defences: consent
- Inchoate offences (attempts, conspiracy, assisting and encouraging)
- Parties to an offence

If you hesitate on any item, that topic is **not exam-safe** yet.

2. Examiner Reality Check

Criminal Law is one of the most heavily tested subjects for **fine distinctions**. You are unlikely to score well unless you can:

- Separate actus reus from mens rea cleanly
- Identify the *correct offence* before looking at the answers
- Distinguish between similar offences with different mental elements
- Apply defences accurately to the *facts*, not in the abstract
- Avoid defaulting to “common sense” instead of legal rules

The SQE tests **precision under pressure**, not instinct.

3. Application Readiness

Be honest — confidence gaps here cost marks quickly.

- I can answer Criminal Law MCQs under time pressure
- I do not confuse similar offences or defences
- I understand why incorrect answers are incorrect
- I move on quickly when unsure instead of panicking

If this section feels weak, your focus should be **practice and review**, not more notes.

4. Confidence Check

- I have attempted at least one timed Criminal Law mock
- I reviewed my mistakes systematically
- I know which offences or defences I consistently get wrong
- I have a clear plan to fix those gaps

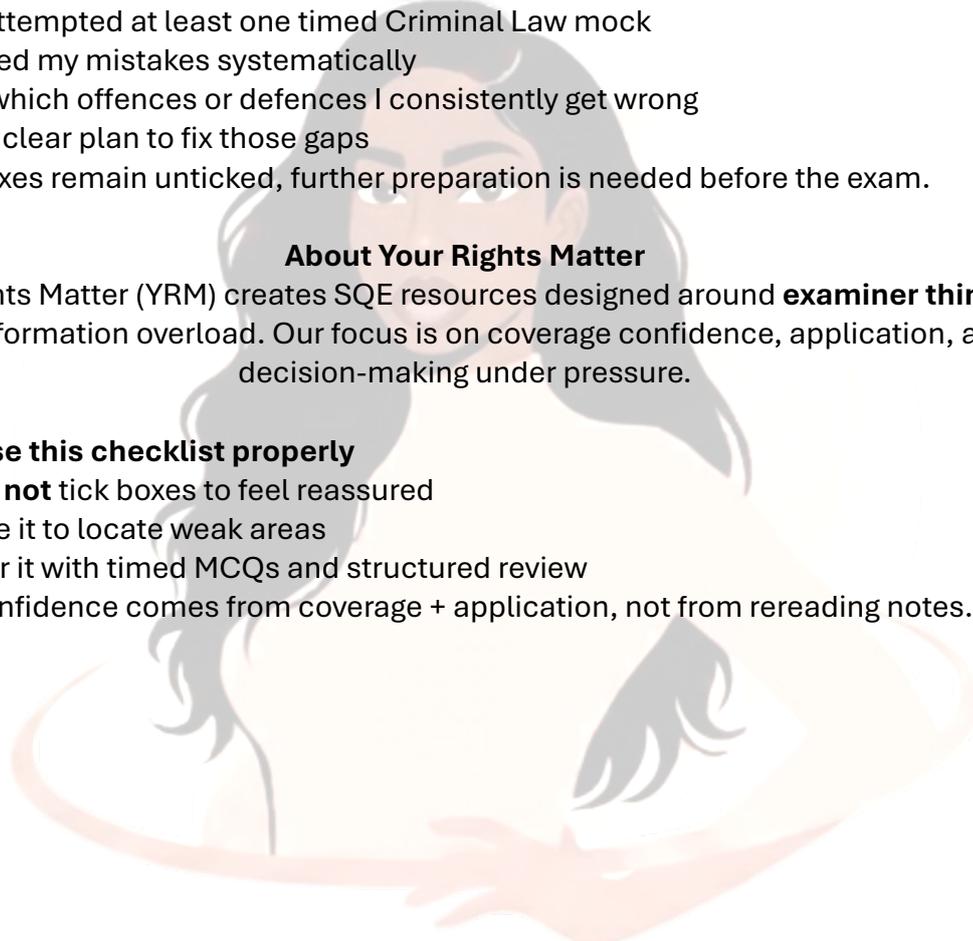
If most boxes remain unticked, further preparation is needed before the exam.

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Your Rights Matter (YRM) creates SQE resources designed around **examiner thinking**, not information overload. Our focus is on coverage confidence, application, and decision-making under pressure.

How to use this checklist properly

- Do **not** tick boxes to feel reassured
- Use it to locate weak areas
- Pair it with timed MCQs and structured review
- Confidence comes from coverage + application, not from rereading notes.



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