

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS/OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA BY ATTORNEYS ADMITTED IN JURISDICTIONS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

The requirements for admission to practice law in California are contained in Title 4, Division 1 of the *Rules of the State Bar of California (Admissions Rules)*. The following is a summary of the requirements for attorneys admitted in jurisdictions outside the United States. For the specific requirements, refer to the *Admissions Rules*.

To be admitted to practice law in California, an applicant must comply with the requirements outlined in Chapter 2 of the *Admissions Rules*, which, in addition to passing the bar examination include: 1) receiving a positive moral character determination; 2) passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination; and, 3) being in compliance with any California court ordered child or family support obligation.

All applicants for admission are required to provide a social security number pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 30 (California's tax enforcement provisions) and Family Code Section 17520 (Child Support Enforcement Program). An attorney applicant who does not have a social security number because he/she does not qualify for one, may request an exemption from the requirement of providing a social security number at the time they file a registration application with the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee). More information regarding the social security number requirement and exemption are available the Admissions' portion the State online of Bar's Web www.calbar.ca.gov/admissions. Otherwise, there is no requirement of citizenship or residency.

Attorney applicants admitted in jurisdictions outside the United States may qualify to take the California Bar Examination by filing the appropriate applications and documentation, which include submission of a Certificate of Good Standing from the jurisdiction in which the applicant is admitted. Attorney applicants admitted in jurisdictions outside the United States must take the General Bar Examination, which is of three days duration and consists of six essay questions, two Performance Test questions and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), which consists of 200 multiple-choice questions. Attorney applicants must register, online, with the Committee of Bar Examiners prior to filing a moral character determination or examination application.

The California Bar Examination dates and deadlines are as follows:

Examination	Applications Available	Timely filing Deadline	Final Filing Deadline
February	October 1	November 1	January 15
July	March 1	April 1	June 15

For further information, please contact the Office of Admissions in either Los Angeles or San Francisco.

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