



**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 the *Rules Regulating Admission to Practice Law in California (Rules)*. The following is a summary of the requirements for attorneys who are admitted in jurisdictions outside the United States. For the specific requirements, refer to the *Rules*.

To be admitted to practice law in California, an applicant must comply with the requirements outlined in the *Rules*, which include: 1) registration as an attorney applicant, which must be completed through an online application process available on the Admissions' Web site; 2) a positive moral character determination, which forms are available for downloading on the Admissions' Web site; 3) a passing score on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination, which is administered and scored by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (go online to www.ncbex.org for more information and applications); and, 4) passage of the California Bar Examination, which applications are available online through the Admissions' Web site. Additionally, applicants must be in compliance with any State Department of Social Services' court ordered child or family support obligations.

All applicants for admission, including attorneys admitted in jurisdictions outside the United States, 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). Effective January 1, 2006, an 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 an application with the Committee of Bar Examiners. More information regarding the social security number requirement and exemption is available online on the Admissions' portion of the State Bar's Web site at 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:

<u>Examination</u>	<u>Applications Available</u>	<u>Timely filing Deadline</u>	<u>Final Filing Deadline</u>
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.