

**RULES GOVERNING THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**RULE 1:24. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

**1:24-1. Qualifications and Requirements for Application**

(a) Application and Fees. The Board shall, subject to the approval of the Supreme Court, establish deadlines for the filing of all application materials. Each applicant shall pay the required fees established by the Board, with the approval of the Supreme Court, to the Secretary, Board of Bar Examiners.

(b) Fingerprints. Each applicant shall be fingerprinted with respect to each application in accordance with rules prescribed by the Board and shall pay the required fees established by the Board, with the approval of the Supreme Court.

(c) Age. Each applicant shall provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant is more than 18 years of age.

(d) Education. Each applicant shall provide, in a manner prescribed by the Board, certification by a duly authorized officer of the applicant's law school that it is approved by the American Bar Association and that it has awarded the applicant a Juris Doctor degree or its equivalent.

(e) Admission in Other Jurisdictions. Each applicant shall provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a member of the bar in good standing in every other jurisdiction which has ever admitted the applicant to practice.

**Note:** Source-R.R. 1:19-2(a) (c), 1:19-4. Paragraph (b) amended April 2, 1973 to be effective immediately; paragraph (c) adopted July 24, 1978 to be effective September 11, 1978; paragraphs (b) and (c) amended October 18, 1979 to be effective immediately; paragraph (c) deleted September 21, 1981 to be effective immediately; paragraph (b) caption and text amended November 7, 1988 to be effective January 2, 1989; paragraph (b) amended March 15, 1989, to be effective immediately; caption of Rule 1:24 amended, caption amended, paragraphs (a) and (b) captions and text amended, and new paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) adopted, August 1, 2016 to be effective September 1, 2016.

**1:24-2. Application for Admission by Bar Examination**

Applicants may apply for admission to the bar of this State by bar examination administered in New Jersey.

(a) Time and Place. Two examinations shall be held annually at such times and places and of such duration as the Board shall determine, subject to the approval of the Supreme Court. Effective with the February 2017 bar examination administration, New Jersey will administer the Uniform Bar Examination.

(b) Other Application Requirements. An applicant seeking admission by bar examination must meet all other requirements set forth in Rule 1:24-1 above.

**Note:** Source-R.R. 1:20-1, 1:20-1A, 1:20-2(a), 1:20-3, 1:20-4, 1:22-2. Paragraph (b) amended and paragraph (e) adopted April 2, 1973 to be effective immediately; paragraph (a) amended September 19, 1973 to be effective immediately; former paragraph (b) deleted, former paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) redesignated (b), (c) and (d) and paragraph (d) amended July 24, 1978 to be effective September 11, 1978; paragraph (d) deleted September 21, 1981 to be effective immediately; (d) deleted September 21, 1981 to be effective immediately; introductory paragraph and paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) amended July 13, 1994; paragraph (b) amended July 10, 1998 to be effective September 1, 1998; caption amended, captions and text of paragraphs (a) and (b) amended, and paragraph (c) deleted August 1, 2016 to be effective September 1, 2016.

### **1:24-3. Application for Admission by Uniform Bar Examination Score Transfer**

Applicants may apply for admission to the bar of this State using a Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) score transferred from another UBE jurisdiction provided that:

(a) the score attained on the UBE examination meets or exceeds the minimum passing score established by the Supreme Court;

(b) no more than thirty-six (36) months have passed since the applicant sat for the UBE examination for which the qualifying UBE score was attained; and

(c) the applicant meets all other application requirements in Rule 1:24-1 above.

**Note:** Adopted August 1, 2016 to be effective September 1, 2016.

### **1:24-4. Application for Admission by Motion**

Applicants may apply for admission to the bar of this State by motion to the Supreme Court. To qualify for application by motion, applicants must:

(a) have lawfully practiced law for five of the last seven years within the jurisdiction of the United States;

(b) have previously sat for and passed the bar examination in another United States jurisdiction;

(c) be admitted in a United States jurisdiction that would extend a reciprocal license by motion to New Jersey lawyers;

(d) have completed a course on New Jersey ethics and professionalism; and

(e) meet all other application requirements in Rule 1:24-1 above.

**Note:** Adopted August 1, 2016 to be effective September 1, 2016; paragraph (a) amended July 29, 2019 to be effective September 1, 2019.