

RECIPROCITY ADMISSION

15.05 Admission of Attorneys Licensed to Practice Law in other Jurisdictions

- (1) Attorneys who have taken and passed the bar examination in another qualifying jurisdiction, who are active members of the bar in that qualifying jurisdiction, and who have lawfully engaged in the active, substantial and continuous practice of law for no less than five of the seven years immediately preceding their application for admission under this rule may be admitted to the practice of law in Oregon without having to take and pass the Oregon bar examination, subject to the requirements of this rule.
- (2) For purposes of this rule, a "qualifying jurisdiction" means any other United States jurisdiction which allows attorneys licensed in Oregon to become regular members of the bar in that jurisdiction without passage of that jurisdiction's bar examination.
- (3) All applicants for admission under this rule shall:
 - (a) Present satisfactory proof of their:
 - (i) possession of a (1) Juris Doctor (J.D.) or (2) Bachelor of Law (LL.B.) degree from an ABA approved law school; or satisfaction of the requirements of rule 3.05(3);
 - (ii) passage of the bar examinations in a qualifying jurisdiction;
 - (iii) admission to the practice of law in a qualifying jurisdiction;
 - (iv) active membership in good standing in a qualifying jurisdiction; and
 - (v) active, substantial and continuous practice of law for no less than five of the seven years immediately preceding their application for admission under this rule;
 - (b) Possess the good moral character and fitness required of all other applicants for admission to practice law in Oregon;
 - (c) Complete such applications and submit such other

information as may be required by the Board and the Court within six months of the date of filing the application; and

- (d) pay such application fees and costs as may be established by the Board and the Court for applicants under this rule.
- (4) The character and fitness of applicants under this rule shall be reviewed under the procedures set forth in ORS 9.220 and Admission Rules 6.05, 6.10, 6.15, and 9.05 to 9.60.
- (5) All applicants admitted to practice law pursuant to this rule shall complete and certify prior to admission under this rule that, after filing of the application, he or she has attended at least fifteen hours of continuing legal education on Oregon practice and procedure and ethics requirements as regulated and approved by the Board.
- (6) All applicants admitted to practice law pursuant to this rule shall obtain and maintain malpractice coverage from the Oregon State Bar Professional Liability Fund (PLF) as required by the rules and regulations of the fund. If an applicant is not required to maintain malpractice coverage through the PLF, the applicant shall obtain and maintain other malpractice coverage covering the applicant's law practice in Oregon which coverage shall be substantially equivalent to the Oregon State Bar Professional Liability Fund coverage plan.
- (7) All applicants admitted to practice law pursuant to this rule shall be subject to and shall comply with the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct, the Oregon State Bar Rules of Procedure, and all other rules and regulations applicable to members of the Oregon State Bar.
- (8) The provisions of this rule in effect at the time an application is filed shall apply to the application, notwithstanding subsequent amendments to this rule.
- (9) Notwithstanding the practice time requirements contained in paragraphs one (1) and three (3) of this rule, attorneys who are otherwise qualified under this rule, are, on the date of application, licensed in Washington, Idaho, Utah or Alaska, and file an application on or before December 31, 2015, need only demonstrate active, substantial and continuous practice of law for three of the preceding five years prior to filing the application.