

**ADMISSION BASED ON COMITY  
FOR APPLICANTS WITH SIGNIFICANT RECENT EXPERIENCE IN  
ANOTHER US STATE/TERRITORY/DISTRICT/MILITARY**

**15.05 Admission Based on Comity**

(1) Attorneys who have taken and passed the bar examination in another United States jurisdiction, who are active members of the bar in any other state, district or territory of the United States, and who meets the following qualifications 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:

- (a) The applicant has been licensed to practice law in at least one United States Jurisdiction for at least 24 consecutive-months;
- (b) Has not been subject to any administrative or disciplinary suspensions within the 60-months immediately preceding the submission of their application for admission under this rule;
- (c) Has no known ongoing disciplinary cases, investigations or inquiries in any other jurisdiction; and
- (d) Has been actively engaged in the authorized full-time practice of law for no less than 24 of the 48-months immediately preceding their application for admission under this rule.
  - (i) For purposes of RFA 15.05, the term “Full-time practice of law” means an average of at least 30-hours per week engaged in one of the enumerated activities in RFA 1.05(1)(a), or performed work in support of, or in anticipation of such activities, so long as the applicant was authorized to engage in such activities in the relevant jurisdiction.

(2) All applicants for admission under this rule shall:

- (a) Submit sufficient proof, to the satisfaction of the Board, that the applicant has:
  - (i) Earned a (1) Juris Doctor (J.D.) or (2) Bachelor of Law (LL.B.) degree from an ABA accredited law school; or satisfaction of the requirements of RFA 3.05(3);

- (ii) Passed a bar examination in another state, commonwealth, district or territory of the United States of America;
  - (iii) Been admitted to the practice of law in at least one other state, commonwealth, district or territory of the United States of America;
  - (iv) Current active membership to the practice of law in the highest court of at least one other state, commonwealth, district or territory of the United States of America; and
  - (v) Been engaged in the authorized full-time practice of law for a minimum of 24-months out of the 48-months immediately preceding the date that the applicant submits their application for admission as a lawyer in another state in which they were authorized to practice law, or in a state that does not presently prohibit the type of practice of law that was conducted by the applicant in said state.
- (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.
- (3) The character and fitness of applicants under this rule shall be reviewed under the procedures set forth in ORS 9.220 and Admission RFAs 6.05, 6.10, 6.15, and 9.05 to 9.60.
- (4) All applicants admitted to practice law pursuant to this rule shall complete and certify prior to admission under this rule that 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. Applicants must attend and complete the required continuing legal education hours any time between six (6) months prior to and six (6) months after the filing of an application.

- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) The prior reciprocity rule is hereby repealed, and replaced by this Comity Rule. Any reciprocity applications filed with the OSB Admissions Department, but still awaiting admission, shall have their applications converted by staff to this Comity rule. Upon the Court's effective date for this rule, the reciprocity application shall no longer be valid.