

Requesting Permission Under Rule 8.07(d) or (e) to Take the Missouri Bar Examination

Individuals who graduated from a non-ABA approved law school in the U.S. or from a foreign law school may request permission to take the bar examination upon furnishing satisfactory evidence that they meet the requirements set out in Rule 8.07(d) or (e). We will complete a preliminary review of your eligibility from the information supplied in your application forms. If it appears from the face of your application that you satisfy the requirements of Rule 8.07(d) or (e), we will begin processing your application and conducting our investigation. If our investigation subsequently reveals that you do not qualify under Rule 8.07(d) or (e), your application may be denied. Fees will not be refunded.

FOREIGN LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES

If you graduated from a foreign law school, you must provide a “Document-by-Document” report prepared by World Education Services (WES) covering all post-secondary education completed at educational institutions outside the U.S.

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PROOF OF ADMISSION TO THE BAR - ALL APPLICANTS

All persons requesting permission to take the examination under Rule 8.07(d) or (e) must provide verifying documentation of their admission to the bar in another U.S. jurisdiction or in the foreign country where their law degree was conferred.

If you are admitted in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, you must provide a certificate from the highest court or agency having jurisdiction over admission to the bar and the practice of law stating the date of your admission and that you are in good standing.

If you are admitted to the bar in a foreign country, you must provide a certificate from the highest court or agency of such foreign country having jurisdiction over admission to the bar and the practice of law stating the date of your admission and that you are in good standing. Documents in a language other than English must be accompanied by a notarized translation by a disinterested party and attested to as to accuracy.

The Board of Law Examiners interprets the requirement of Rule 8.07(e) that a person “has been admitted to practice law in the foreign country” to mean that the person is qualified to, and has been granted a license to, enter practice on his or her own. A vocational training period generally does NOT meet this requirement and is not counted by the Board toward satisfying the three-year period of practice required by Rule 8.07(e)(1).

TRANSCRIPTS

You must provide certified or official transcripts of all legal studies (including any study in a LL.M. or other program) you have completed that include the date any degree was awarded. Documents in a language other than English must be accompanied by a notarized translation by a disinterested party and attested to as to accuracy.

CHECKLIST

A. **If you are seeking permission under Rule 8.07(d)(1):**

- (1) Have you been admitted by examination to the bar in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia?
- (2) Is your law license in that state on active status?
- (3) Have you engaged full-time in the practice of law in the state where you are licensed for at least three of the five years immediately preceding the date of your initial application to take the Missouri bar exam?

If you answered “no” to any of these questions, you are not eligible under Rule 8.07(d)(1) to apply.

If you answered “yes” to all of these questions, in addition to the standard application forms you should submit (a) a certificate of good standing verifying your admission to the bar and active status; (b) an official transcript from your law school showing the date your J.D. degree was awarded; and (c) a Document-by-Document report prepared by WES, if your law degree was earned outside U.S. We will investigate your employment history to confirm that you have engaged in the requisite period of practice.

B. **If you are seeking permission under Rule 8.07(d)(2):**

- (1) Have you been admitted by examination to the bar in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia?
- (2) Is your law license in that state on active status?
- (3) Have you successfully completed 24 semester credit hours in residence at an ABA approved law school
- (4) Has your admission to the bar of another state and completion of 24 semester credit hours at an ABA law school occurred within the 3 years immediately preceding the date of your initial application to take the Missouri bar exam?

If you answered “no” to any of these questions, you are not eligible under Rule 8.07(d)(2) to apply.

If you answered “yes” to all of these questions, in addition to the standard application forms you should submit (a) a certificate of good standing verifying your admission to the bar and active status; (b) an official transcript from your law school showing the date your J.D. degree was awarded; (c) a Document-by-Document report prepared by WES, if your law degree was earned outside U.S.; and (d) an official transcript from the ABA approved law school showing your successful completion of at least 24 semester credit hours.

C. **If you are seeking permission under Rule 8.07(e) (1):**

- (1) Have you been admitted to practice law in the foreign country where your law degree was conferred?
- (2) Have you been in good standing to practice law in that country throughout the period of your admission?
- (3) Have you engaged full-time in the practice of law outside the United States for a period of at least three of the five years preceding the date of your initial application to take the Missouri bar exam?

If you answered “no” to any of these questions, you are not eligible under Rule 8.07(e)(1) to apply.

If you answered “yes” to all of these questions, in addition to the standard application forms you should submit (a) a certificate of good standing verifying your admission to the bar; (b) a Document-by-Document report prepared by WES covering all post-secondary education completed outside the U.S.; and (c) an official transcript from your foreign law school showing the date your law degree was awarded. We will investigate your employment history to confirm that you have engaged in the requisite period of practice.

D. If you are seeking permission under Rule 8.07(e)(2):

- (1) Have you been admitted to practice law in the foreign country where your law degree was conferred?
- (2) Have you been in good standing to practice law in that country throughout the period of your admission?
- (3) Have you successfully completed 24 semester credit hours in residence at an ABA approved law school within the three years preceding the date of your initial application to take the Missouri bar exam?

If you answered “no” to any of these questions, you are not eligible under Rule 8.07(e)(2) to apply.

If you answered “yes” to all of these questions, in addition to the standard application forms you should submit (a) a certificate of good standing verifying your admission to the bar; (b) a Document-by-Document report prepared by WES covering all post-secondary education completed outside the U.S.; (c) an official transcript from your foreign law school showing the date your law degree was awarded; and (d) an official transcript from the ABA approved law school showing your successful completion of at least 24 semester credit hours.