

California Rules of Court – Chapter 3. Legal Education

Proposed Amendments – 08/18/14 DRAFT

Rule 9.30. Law school study in schools ~~[Deleted Text Begin]other than those [Deleted Text End]~~ accredited [Insert Text Begin]or registered[Insert Text end] by the ~~[Deleted Text Begin]examining committee[Deleted Text End]~~[Insert Text Begin] Committee of Bar Examiners[Insert Text end]

(a) Receipt of credit

A person who seeks to be certified to the Supreme Court for admission in and licensed to practice law under section 6060(e)~~[Deleted Text Begin](2)[Deleted Text End]~~ of the Business and Professions Code may receive credit for:

- (1) Study in a law school in the United States ~~[Deleted Text Begin]other than one [Deleted Text End]~~ accredited by the ~~[Deleted Text Begin]examining committee established by the Board of Governors of The State Bar under Business and Professions code section 6046 [Deleted Text End]~~[Insert Text Begin] Committee of Bar Examiners[Insert Text end] only if the law school satisfies the requirements of (b) ~~[Deleted Text Begin]or (c) [Deleted Text End]~~ of this rule; or

[Insert Text Begin](2) Study in a law school not accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners, but which is a registered with the Committee, only if the law school satisfies the requirements of (c) of this rule; or[Insert Text end]

[Insert Text Begin](3) Study in the Law Office/Judges Chambers program only if such study is completed in conformance with the requirements specified under Business and Professions Code section 60609(B) and under rules adopted by the Committee of Bar Examiners and approved by the Board of Trustees of The State Bar of California; or[Insert Text end]

[Insert Text Begin](4) [Insert Text end] ~~[Deleted Text Begin](2) Instruction in law from a correspondence school only if the correspondence school requires 864 hours of preparation and study per year for four years and satisfies the requirements of (d) of this rule; or[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](3)[Deleted Text End]~~ Study in a law school outside the United States ~~[Deleted Text Begin]other than one accredited by the examining committee established by the Board of Governors of the State Bar under Business and Professions Code section 6046[Deleted Text End]~~ only if [Insert Text Begin] the Committee of Bar Examiners[Insert Text end]~~[Deleted Text Begin]the examining committee[Deleted Text End]~~ is satisfied that the academic program of such law school is substantially equivalent to that of a law school qualified under (b) [Insert Text Begin]and (c)[Insert Text end] of this rule.

(Subd (a) amended effective January 1, 2007; previously amended effective April 2, 1984.)

(b) Requirements for[Insert Text Begin]accredited law schools in state[Insert Text end]

~~[Deleted Text Begin] A law school in this state that is not accredited by the examining committee must:[Deleted Text End]~~

[Insert Text Begin]Law Schools Accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners:[Insert Text end]

1) [Insert Text Begin](A law school that is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA) is deemed accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners[Insert Text end]

[Insert Text Begin](2) A law school that is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners but not approved by the American Bar Association must comply with the rules adopted by the Committee of Bar Examiners and approved by the Board of Trustees of The State Bar of California.[Insert Text end]

[Insert Text Begin](c) Requirements for~~[Insert Text end][Deleted Text Begin]~~unaccredited~~[Deleted Text End]~~[Insert Text Begin]registered~~[Insert Text end]~~ **law schools in state**

[Insert Text Begin]Law Schools registered by the Committee of Bar Examiners:[Insert Text end]

[Insert Text Begin](1) A law school in this state that is not accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners must register with the Committee of Bar Examiners and comply with the rules adopted by the Committee of Bar Examiners and approved by the Board of Trustees of The State Bar of California.[Insert Text end]

[Insert Text Begin](2) Failure of a registered law school to comply with all applicable rules may result in a notice of non-compliance or termination of registration.[Insert Text end]

[Insert Text Begin](3) A registered law school in this state must pursue accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners within seven years of first becoming registered and achieve accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners within ten years of first becoming registered in accordance with the rules adopted by the Committee of Bar Examiners and approved by the Board of Trustees of The State Bar of California. A registered law school in existence at the time of approval of this requirement must pursue accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners within five years of the date this provision is approved and within ten years of that date become accredited.[Insert Text end]

~~[Deleted Text Begin](1) Be authorized to confer professional degrees by the laws of this state;[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](2) Maintain a regular course of instruction in law, with a specified curriculum and regularly scheduled class sessions;[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](3) Require classroom attendance of its students for a minimum of 270 hours a year for at least four years, and further require regular attendance of each student at not less than 80 percent of the regularly scheduled class hours in each course in which such student was enrolled and maintain attendance records adequate to determine each student's compliance with these requirements;[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](4) Maintain, in a fixed location, physical facilities capable of accommodating the classes scheduled for that location;[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](5) Have an adequate faculty of instructors in law. The faculty will prima facie be deemed adequate if at least 80 percent of the instruction in each academic period is by persons who possess one or more of the following qualifications:[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](A) Admission to the general practice of the law in any jurisdiction in the United States;[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](B) Judge of a United States court or a court of record in any jurisdiction in the United States; or[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](C) Graduation from a law school accredited by the examining committee.[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](6) Own and maintain a library consisting of not less than the following sets of books, all of which must be current and complete:[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](A) The published reports of the decisions of California courts, with advance sheets and citator;[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](B) A digest or encyclopedia of California[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](C) An annotated set of the California codes; and[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](D) A current, standard text or treatise for each course or subject in the curriculum of the school for which such a text or treatise is available.[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin]7 Establish and maintain standards for academic achievement, advancement in good standing and graduation, and provide for periodic testing of all students to determine the quality of their performance in relation to such standards; and[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](8) Register with the examining committee, and maintain such records (available for inspection by the examining committee) and file with the examining committee[Deleted Text End]~~

(Subd (b) amended effective January 1, 2007~~[Deleted Text Begin]~~; previously amended effective April 2, 1984~~[Deleted Text End]~~.)

~~[Deleted Text Begin](c) Requirements for unaccredited law schools outside the state[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin]A law school in the United States that is outside the state of California and is not accredited by the examining committee must:[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](1) Be authorized to confer professional degrees by the law of the state in which it is located;[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](2) Comply with (b)(2), (3), (4), (5), (7), and (8) of this rule; and[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin](3) Own and maintain a library that is comparable in content to that specified in (b)(6) of this rule.[Deleted Text End]~~

(Subd (c) amended effective January 1, 2007; previously amended effective April 2, 1984.)

(d) ~~[Deleted Text Begin]Registration and[Deleted Text End]~~[\[Insert Text Begin\]R\[Insert Text end\]](#)~~[Deleted Text Begin]r[Deleted Text End]~~ports

A[\[Insert Text Begin\]ccredited and registered \[Insert Text end\]](#)~~[Deleted Text Begin]correspondence[Deleted Text End]~~ law school[\[Insert Text Begin\]s\[Insert Text end\]](#) must ~~[Deleted Text Begin]register with the examining committee and[Deleted Text End]~~file such reports, notices and certifications as may be required by the rules of the[\[Insert Text Begin\]Committee of Bar Examiners\[Insert Text end\]](#)~~[Deleted Text Begin]examining committee concerning any person whose mailing address is in the state of California or whose application to, contract with, or correspondence with or from the law school indicates that the instruction by correspondence is for the purpose or with the intent of qualifying that person for admission to practice law in California[Deleted Text End]~~.

(Subd (d) amended effective January 1, 2007.)

(e) Inspections

The[\[Insert Text Begin\]Committee of Bar Examiners\[Insert Text end\]](#)~~[Deleted Text Begin]examining committee[Deleted Text End]~~ may make such inspection of law schools~~[Deleted Text Begin] not accredited by the committee or correspondence schools[Deleted Text End]~~ as may be necessary or proper to give effect to the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 6060, this rule, and the rules of the[\[Insert Text Begin\] Committee of Bar Examiners \[Insert Text end\]](#)~~[Deleted Text Begin]examining committee[Deleted Text End]~~.

(Subd (e) amended effective January 1, 2007.)

~~[Deleted Text Begin](f) Application[Deleted Text End]~~

~~[Deleted Text Begin]This rule does not apply to any person who, on the effective date of the rule, had commenced the study of law in a manner authorized by Business and Professions Code section 6060(e) and registered as a law student before January 1, 1976 (as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6060(d) and otherwise satisfies the requirements of Business and Professions Code section 6060(e), provided that after January 1, 1976, credit will be given such person for any study in an unaccredited law school or by correspondence only if the school complies with the requirements of (b)(8) or (d) of this rule, whichever is applicable, and permits inspection under (e) of this rule.[Deleted Text End]~~

(Subd (f) amended effective January 1, 2007.)