



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
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**SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR
ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA**

To be admitted to practice law in California, an applicant must:

1. Complete the necessary general education;
2. Register with the Committee of Bar Examiners as a law student or attorney applicant;
3. Complete the requisite legal education;
4. File an application to take the First-Year Law Students' Examination and pass, or establish exemption from the examination;
5. File an application to take the California Bar Examination and after eligibility has been confirmed, take and pass the examination;
6. File an application for a moral character determination and receive a positive moral character determination from the Committee of Bar Examiners;
7. File an application, take the [Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination](#) and achieve a minimum scaled score as determined by the Committee of Bar Examiners, which examination is administered and graded by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (www.ncbex.org);
8. Be in compliance with California court ordered child or family support obligations; and,
9. Meet all admission requirements and take the attorney's oath of office no later than five years from the last day of administration of the California Bar Examination the applicant passes.

The foregoing is a summary of the requirements for admission to practice law in California. The full text of all requirements for admission are set forth in the rules found in Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 4 of the *Rules of the State Bar of California*, which are available online at www.calbar.ca.gov.

Separate and distinct applications are required for registration, the First-Year Law Students' Examination, a moral character determination and the bar examination. All applications can be accessed online through the Admissions' portion of The State Bar of California's Web site at www.calbar.ca.gov/admissions.