

Proposed Amendments to

Rules of the State Bar Of California

Title 4. Admissions and Educational Standards Division 1, Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 Admission To Practice Law In California

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Rule 4.15 Certification to California Supreme Court

To be eligible for certification to the California Supreme Court for admission to the practice of law, an applicant for admission must

- (A) be at least eighteen years of age;
- (B) file an Application for Admission with the Committee;
- (C) meet the requirements of these rules regarding education or admission as an attorney in another jurisdiction, determination of moral character, and examinations;
- (D) be in compliance with California court-ordered child or family support obligations pursuant to Family Code § 17520;
- (E) be in compliance with tax obligations pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 494.5;
- (F) be in compliance with the experiential competency training requirement pursuant to 9.6 (a) of the California Rules of Court and these rules;
- (G) until admitted to the practice of law, notify the Committee within thirty days of any change in information provided on an application; and
- (H) otherwise meet statutory criteria for certification to the Supreme Court.

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Chapter 3. Required Education and Experiential Competency Training

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Rule 4.34 Experiential Competency Training

- (A) General applicants must complete 6 units of practice-based experiential competency training

(B) Definitions

These definitions apply to the rules on experiential competency training.

- (1) “Unit” is the academic credit a law school gives for course work completed under the standards established by the American Bar Association or the rules governing the accreditation or registration of law schools by the Committee.
 - (2) “Externship” is a placement during law school in a private, public or non-profit law office for which the applicant is awarded units.
 - (3) “Clerkship” is a placement in a judge’s chambers during or following law school for which an applicant may be awarded units.
 - (4) “Apprenticeship is a placement after completion of the first year of school or following law school in a private, public or non-profit law office for which an applicant may receive compensation but is not awarded academic credits.
 - (5) “Clinic” is a course within the law school which provides
 - (a) students with a substantial lawyering experience supervised by a faculty member;
 - (b) opportunities for student performance, faculty feedback and self-evaluation;
and
 - (c) a classroom component.
- (C) Experiential competency training must develop the concepts underlying a particular subject matter, provide opportunities for student performance in addition to traditional classroom discussion, provide for regular individualized student feedback from a faculty member, and provide opportunities for student self-evaluation. Credit toward the 6 unit requirement may be given upon successful completion of training in accordance with the guidelines approved by the Committee.
- (D) The Committee publishes guidelines for the completion of training that meets the requirements of this rule.
- (E) An applicant may request that the Committee determines whether the experiential competency training completed by the applicant meets the requirements of these rules and the Committee’s guidelines, if it cannot be certified by the law school the applicant attended. The request must be submitted on the required form with the required documentation and the fee set forth in the Schedule of Charges and Deadlines. A written response indicating whether the training is sufficient will be issued within sixty days of receipt of the request.