

27 NCAC 03 .0504**REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS (EFFECTIVE UNTIL APRIL 30, 2028)**

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- (1) possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-at-law, and be of good moral character and entitled to the high regard and confidence of the public and have satisfied the requirements of Section .0600 of this Chapter;
- (2) possess the legal educational qualifications as prescribed in Section .0700 of this Chapter;
- (3) be at least 18 years of age;
- (4) have filed with the Executive Director, upon such forms as may be supplied by the Board, a typed application in duplicate, containing the same information and documentation required of general applicants under Rule .0402(a);
- (5) have paid with the application an application fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), if the applicant is licensed in any other jurisdiction, or one thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,275) if the applicant is not licensed in any other jurisdiction, no part of which may be refunded to an applicant whose application is denied or to an applicant who withdraws, unless the withdrawing applicant filed with the Board a written request to withdraw, in which event, the Board in its discretion may refund no more than one-half of the fee to the withdrawing applicant. However, when an application for admission by transfer is received from an applicant who, in the opinion of the Executive Director, after consultation with the Board Chair, is not eligible for consideration under the Rules, the applicant shall be so advised by written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the applicant may elect in writing to withdraw the application, and provided the written election is received by the Board within 20 days from the date of the Board's written notice to the applicant, receive a refund of all fees paid.
- (6) have, within the three-year period preceding the filing date of the application, taken the Uniform Bar Examination and achieved a scaled score on such exam that is equal to or greater than the passing score established by the Board for the UBE as of the administration of the exam immediately preceding the filing date. For purposes of this rule: "passing score" means the minimum passing score established by the Board for the UBE as of the administration date of the exam immediately preceding the application filing date; and, the three-year period preceding the filing date begins to run on the date the applicant sat for the Uniform Bar Examination.
- (7) have passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.
- (8) if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney, be in good standing in each state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the applicant is or has been licensed to practice law and not under any charges of misconduct while the application is pending before the Board.
 - (a) For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good standing" in a jurisdiction if:
 - (i) the applicant is an active member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good standing therein; or
 - (ii) the applicant was formerly a member of the jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction certifies the applicant was in good standing at the time that the applicant ceased to be a member; and
 - (b) if the jurisdiction in which the applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not certify the applicant's good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board, in its discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;
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- (9) have successfully completed the North Carolina State-Specific Component covering Decedents' Estates and Trusts, outlined below, within 12 months after the filing of the application for admission to practice law in North Carolina by UBE Transfer. The time limits are tolled for a period not exceeding 24 months for any applicant who is a servicemember as defined in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Appx § 511, while engaged in active service as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101, and who provides a letter or other communication from the servicemember's commanding officer stating that the servicemember's current military duty prevents the servicemember from completing the State-Specific Component within the 12 month period after the filing of the application for admission to practice law in North Carolina by UBE Transfer.
 - (a) Composition of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-Specific Component shall consist of a multiple-choice examination covering the subject area of Decedents' Estates and Trusts.
 - (b) Administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be offered 4 times per year: February, May, July, and November.
 - (c) Deadlines and Fees. The deadlines and fees shall be prescribed below.

- (i) Deadlines for February and July administrations. The North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be administered with the February and July bar examinations. Applicants must apply by the deadlines provided in Rule .0403. There shall be no additional fee for the North Carolina State-Specific Component when taken at the February or July administration of the bar examination.
- (ii) Deadline for May administration. Applications for the May administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in April. The fee for the May administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (iii) Deadline for November administration. Applications for the November administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in October. The fee for the November administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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