



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENCING ARTICLES WITHOUT A LAW DEGREE**

### **1.1 Law Degree Required**

**1.1.1** The Regulations require that applicants for enrolment as articulated clerks must have a law degree (as defined by Regulation 1.1.1(s)). Regulation 3.3.2(a) sets out the requirement as follows:

#### **Application for enrolment as an articulated clerk**

**3.3.1** An applicant for enrolment as an articulated clerk must:  
(d) have a law degree; ...

### **2.1 Written Application Required if Law Degree not yet Conferred**

**2.1.1** Applicants who do not yet have a law degree, but who wish to commence articles in advance of the conferring of the degree in accordance with this Policy, must apply to the Society in writing.

#### **Review by Director of Admissions and Professional Development**

**2.1.2** Applications will be reviewed and processed by the Admissions Officer, for approval by the Director of Admissions and Professional Development, under the direction of the Executive Director.

#### **Applications Approved in the Following Circumstances**

**2.1.3** Applicants without a law degree may be approved to commence articles in the following circumstances:

- (a) when an applicant is required to write one or two supplemental examinations and is scheduled to do so within two months of his or her application; or
- (b) when an applicant has completed his/her degree requirements by a date other than May and wishes to commence articles prior to formally convocating.

#### **Writing Supplemental Exams within Two Months of Application**

**2.1.4** Under 2.1.3(a), the applicant must file a letter from the law school confirming the supplemental exam(s) he or she must complete, the time for the examination(s) and the expected date of the mark(s), and confirming that successful completion of the supplemental exam(s) will result in the applicant meeting all academic requirements for their law degree. If the applicant does not successfully complete the supplemental exam(s), the applicant's articles will cease immediately and no credit will be awarded for articles completed to date.

#### **Completion of Degree and Commencement Prior to Formal Convocation**

**2.1.5** Under 2.1.3(b), the applicant must file written confirmation from the law school that she/he has completed all the academic requirements for their law degree.

#### **Deviation from Regulations**

**2.1.6** Any applications for which a deviation from the regulations or standard procedures is requested will be referred to the Credentials Committee.

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