



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

NAME OF POLICY	Policy on Rewriting the Bar Examination		
DEPARTMENT			
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1.1 Three Attempts Permitted

An applicant is permitted three attempts to write and pass the bar examination.

Permission Required

1.2 Pursuant to Regulation 3.6.10(c), an applicant requires permission from the Executive Director to write a fourth or subsequent time.

1.2.1 An applicant must submit their request in writing and include with their request a written remediation plan as described in paragraph 1.3.

Plan Required

1.3 In order for the Executive Director to consider the applicant's request to write a fourth or subsequent time, the applicant must provide a written remediation plan to the Director, Education & Credentials that provides for the engagement of a qualified tutor, describes how the applicant will upgrade their knowledge and improve their exam-taking skills in preparation for the examination, and includes a statement from the qualified tutor indicating their agreement to carry out the plan with the applicant

1.3.1 The applicant shall respond to any inquiries and provide such further supporting documentation as may be required by the Director, Education & Credentials.

Plan to be Assessed

1.4 The Executive Director will review the plan to assess if it provides the applicant a reasonable opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge, and therefore, a reasonable opportunity to pass the examination on the next attempt.

Permission may be granted

1.5 If the Executive Director is satisfied with the plan, she may grant permission to the applicant to rewrite a fourth or subsequent time.

Permission may be denied

1.6 The Director, Education & Credentials retains discretion to deny permission for a subsequent rewrite, if it is determined that it would not be in the public interest.

Written Reasons Required

2.1.9 If the applicant is refused permission to rewrite the bar examination pursuant to Regulation 3.6.10(c), the Executive Director must provide the applicant with a written decision with reasons and inform the applicant of the internal review process.

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