IMMIGRATION TO CANADA

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
- Applications assessed on a case-by-case basis
- Executive Director considers Certificate of Qualification and relevant practice experience, if any
- Executive Director may approve application with or without terms, including:
  - Bar Examination; Skills Course; Articling
- Executive Director considers competency, character and fitness
- Rights of Approval provided

ARTICLED CLERK
- Foreign law degree but NOT admitted to foreign law society
  - Application form and fee
  - Certificate of Qualification from the NCA
  - Two reference letters
  - Notarized Government issued photo ID
  - Criminal Record Check

APPLICATION PROCESS
- Transcripts
- Certificate of Admission to the Bar
- Letter of Good Standing
- Detailed resume

QUALIFICATION ASSESSMENT
- 3 months maximum
- $450 plus app. taxes (subject to change)
- Assessed individually
- Common law education and experience
- Education/training equivalent to Canadian law graduate

ASSESSMENT RESULTS
- Exam (max. 14); OR
- Exams and in-class education at a law school; OR
- LLB/JD

EXAMINATION PROCESS
- Exams offered in January, May, August; and October
- $340/exam plus app. taxes (subject to change)
- Syllabi, sample exams and writing guide online

LLB/JD PROGRAM
- Apply to a Canadian common law school as a regular student
- Admission requirements vary by law school

CREDIT OF QUALIFICATION

NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS’ SOCIETY

ADMISSION ON TRANSFER
- Foreign law degree and admitted to foreign law society
  - Application form and fee
  - Certificate of Qualification from the NCA
  - Two Statements of Good Character from lawyers in foreign jurisdictions
  - Certificates of Good Standing from each jurisdiction practised in, sent directly to the NSBS
  - Notarized Government issued photo ID

ADMISSION TO THE NOVA SCOTIA BAR

NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS’ SOCIETY

ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR
INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED LAWYERS IN NOVA SCOTIA