

NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

Policy on Taking the Bar Admission Program Prior to Commencing Articles

1. Bar Admission Program

1.1 The Bar Admission Program consists of PREP (Practice Readiness Education Program, administered by CPLED) and the Cultural Competency Workshop (administered by the NSBS). Both components are required for admission to the Nova Scotia Bar.

2. Taking PREP Prior to Articling

2.1 PREP students may enroll in and complete some of or all of PREP as a Nova Scotia student, prior to applying as an articulated clerk in Nova Scotia.

3. Qualifying for the PREP tuition subsidy

3.1 The NSBS subsidizes a portion of PREP tuition fees for qualifying students.

3.2 To qualify for the NSBS PREP tuition subsidy, students must secure articles in Nova Scotia.

3.3 PREP students who secure articles in Nova Scotia prior to PREP commencing will qualify for the NSBS PREP tuition subsidy.

3.4 Nova Scotia PREP students who have not secured articles prior to PREP commencing may qualify for the NSBS subsidy, provided they undertake to repay the subsidy in the event they do not article in the province.

4. Taking the Cultural Competency Workshop Prior to Articling

4.1 All Nova Scotia PREP students may register for and participate in the Cultural Competency Workshop, with or without secured articles.

5. Duration of Articles

5.1 Applicants who successfully complete either the Accelerated PREP or Regular PREP program prior to securing articles will have their articling requirement reduced from 52 weeks to 38 weeks, subject to the requirements in 6.1.

5.2 Applicants will not receive abridgments, reductions, calculations or credit of any sort, or a combination thereof, which reduces their articling requirement to less than 26 weeks of equivalent to full-time work. This includes any credit that may be given for

working in the Courts or articles completed in another Canadian jurisdiction, pursuant to Regulation 3.4.2 (b) and (c).

6. Three-Year Window to Complete Admission Requirements

6.1 Applicants must complete all admission requirements (articling in Nova Scotia, and Bar Admission Program) within a three-year period. Accordingly, if an applicant has not begun articles, the three-year window commences at the time they start PREP or the Cultural Competency Workshop.

6.2 Where an admission requirement is completed more than three years prior to the date of an application for articles or admission, the Executive Director has discretion to determine the appropriate terms for approval.

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