

1 **Rule 14-705. Admission by motion.**

2 (a) **Reciprocal admission.** An Applicant is eligible to be admitted by motion if the Applicant  
3 meets all the requirements of this rule. Admission by Motion is not a right; the burden of proof is  
4 on the Applicant to establish by clear and convincing evidence that she or he:

5 (a)(1) has paid the prescribed nonrefundable fee and filed the required Complete  
6 Application as a Motion Applicant;

7 (a)(2) is at least 21 years old;

8 (a)(3) has been admitted by bar examination to practice law before the highest court of a  
9 U.S. state, territory or the District of Columbia;

10 (a)(4) holds a First Professional Degree in law from an Approved Law School;

11 (a)(5) has successfully passed the MPRE;

12 (a)(6) has demonstrated that the U.S. state, territory or the District of Columbia that  
13 licenses the Applicant reciprocally allows the admission of licensed Utah lawyers under  
14 terms and conditions similar to those set forth in this rule;

15 (a)(7) has been Actively licensed and lawfully engaged in the Full-time Practice of Law  
16 as defined in Rule 14-701 in the reciprocal jurisdiction(s) where licensed for 60 of the 84  
17 months immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application for admission. For  
18 purposes of admission under this rule and with the exception of lawyers licensed in Utah as  
19 House Counsel, any time practicing at an office located in Utah will not be counted as time  
20 practicing in a reciprocal jurisdiction;

21 (a)(8) is a member in good standing in all jurisdictions where currently admitted;

22 (a)(9) has a proven record of ethical, civil, and professional behavior and has never been  
23 disbarred or resigned with discipline pending, or their equivalent, in any jurisdiction and is  
24 not currently subject to lawyer discipline or the subject of a pending disciplinary matter;

25 (a)(10) is of good moral character and satisfies the requirements of Rule 14-708;

26 (b) **Continuing legal education requirement.** All Applicants admitted to practice law  
27 pursuant to this rule shall complete and certify no later than six months following the Applicant's  
28 admission that she or he has attended at least 15 hours of continuing legal education on Utah  
29 practice and procedure and ethics requirements.

30 (b)(1) The Board may by regulation specify the number of the required 15 hours that  
31 must be in particular areas of practice, procedure, and ethics. Included in this mandatory 15  
32 hours is attendance at the Bar's OPC ethics school.

33 (c) **Form and content of application.** The Board may require additional proof of any facts  
34 stated in the application. In the event of the failure or the refusal of the Applicant to furnish any  
35 information or proof, or to answer any inquiry of the Board pertinent to the pending application,  
36 the Board may deny the application without hearing.

37 (d) **Timing of application and admission.** An application may be filed at any time but the  
38 Applicant must be able to demonstrate that she or he satisfies the requirements of this rule as of  
39 the date the application is filed. Processing of the application and the character and fitness  
40 investigation require a minimum of four months to complete.

41 (d)(1) An Applicant not eligible for admission pursuant to this rule may qualify for  
42 admission as an Attorney Applicant pursuant to Rule 14-704.

43 (d)(2) Upon approval the Applicant must comply with the provisions of Rule 14-716  
44 concerning licensing and enrollment fees.

45        (e) **Practice pending admission.** Only persons who are active, licensed members of the Bar  
46 in good standing may engage in the practice of law in Utah. However, a Motion Applicant with a  
47 pending Bar application may be eligible to practice for a limited period upon satisfaction of all of  
48 the requirements of Rule 14-809 and receipt of a Practice Pending Admission Certificate.

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50        Effective May 1, 2019

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