

1 **Rule 14-704. Qualifications for admission of Attorney Applicants.**

2 (a) Requirements of Attorney Applicants. The burden of proof is on the Applicant  
3 to establish by clear and convincing evidence that she or he:

4 (a)(1) has paid the prescribed fees and filed the required Complete Application as  
5 an Attorney Applicant in accordance with Rule 14-707;

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

7 (a)(3) has graduated with a First Professional Degree in law from an Approved Law  
8 School;

9 (a)(4) has been admitted to the practice of law before the highest court of a U.S.  
10 state, territory, or the District of Columbia;

11 (a)(5) is of good moral character and satisfies the requirements of Rule 14-708;

12 (a)(6) has successfully passed the MPRE and the Bar Examination;

13 (a)(7) is a member in good standing in all jurisdictions where currently admitted;

14 (a)(8) has a proven record of ethical, civil and professional behavior and has never  
15 been disbarred or resigned with discipline pending, or their equivalent, in any  
16 jurisdiction and is not currently subject to lawyer discipline or the subject of a  
17 pending disciplinary matter; and

18 (a)(9) complies with the provisions of Rule 14-716 concerning licensing and  
19 enrollment fees.

20 (b) Only persons who are active, licensed members of the Bar in good standing  
21 may engage in the practice of law in Utah. However, an Attorney Applicant with a  
22 pending Bar application may be eligible to practice for a limited period upon  
23 satisfaction of all of the requirements of Rule 14-809 and receipt of a Practice  
24 Pending Admission Certificate.

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25 (c**̄**) Attorney Applicants from Unapproved Law Schools. An Applicant who does  
26 not meet the educational qualifications in Rule 14-704(a)(3) is qualified provided  
27 the Applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence that she or he:

28 (c**̄**)(1) complies with the requirements in (a)(1) and (a)(2) and (a)(4) through (a)(9);

29 (c**̄**)(2) has graduated with a First Professional Degree in law from an Unapproved  
30 Law School located within a U.S. state, territory or the District of Columbia;

31 (c**̄**)(3) has been admitted to the practice of law before the highest court of a U.S.  
32 state, territory or the District of Columbia for no fewer than ten years, and has been  
33 Actively and lawfully engaged in the Full-time Practice of Law in one or more  
34 jurisdictions where licensed for any ten of the eleven years immediately preceding  
35 the filing of the application.

36 (d**̄**) Attorney Applicants from Foreign Law Schools. The burden of proof is on the  
37 Applicant to establish by clear and convincing evidence that she or he:

38 (d**̄**)(1) graduated from a Foreign Law School in a country where principles of  
39 English common law form the predominant basis for that country's system of  
40 jurisprudence;

41 (d**̄**)(2) complies with the requirements in (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(5) through (a)(9);

42 (d**̄**)(3) has been admitted to practice law in an English common law jurisdiction;

43 (d**̄**)(4) has been Actively and lawfully engaged in the Full-time Practice of Law in  
44 an English common law jurisdiction for no fewer than two (2) years;

45 (d**̄**)(5) has completed with a minimum grade of "C" or its passing equivalent no  
46 less than 24 semester hours, or a corresponding amount in quarter hours, at an  
47 Approved Law School, within 24 consecutive months. The 24 semester hours  
48 must include no less than one course each in a core or survey course of

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49 constitutional law, civil procedure, criminal procedure or criminal law, legal ethics  
50 and evidence;

51 (~~d~~e)(6) is of good moral character and satisfies the requirements of Rule 14-708;

52 (~~d~~e)(7) has successfully passed the MPRE and the Bar Examination; and

53 (~~d~~e)(8) complies with the provisions of Rule 14-716 concerning licensing and  
54 enrollment fees.

55 (~~e~~d) Foreign Attorneys not meeting the requirements of paragraph (c). Attorneys  
56 not meeting the requirements of paragraph (c) may be eligible for admission only  
57 if they meet the requirements of paragraph (a).

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