

15-105. Application fees.

A. **Fees.** Every applicant shall pay the fees as prescribed by the Board of Bar Examiners from time to time. The following fees are fixed, until changed by the board, for applicants seeking admission by examination:

- (1) five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for applicants whose graduation from law school is less than one (1) year prior to filing the application;
- (2) a reduced fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for applicants who apply to repeat the examination within one (1) year after the first unsuccessful examination result. If the applicant does not successfully complete the examination within the first year, the applicant shall pay the full applicable application fee for all subsequent re-examinations; an additional fee may also be required by the board to update the investigative report;
- (3) reasonable additional costs to be determined by the board, in connection with any investigations or hearings. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, board attorney fees, court reporter fees, medical evaluations, and any other fees for services to complete the investigation and hearing. Payment of such fees shall be a prerequisite for admission or for consideration of subsequent reapplications. In all cases, the applicant shall bear the applicant's own costs associated with the application, investigation, and hearing;
- (4) one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for all other applicants;
- (5) late filing fees shall be assessed as follows:
 - (a) two hundred dollars (\$200.00) if an application is received and filed on or before November 2 immediately preceding the February bar exam and April 2 immediately preceding the July bar exam; and
 - (b) five hundred dollars (\$500.00) if an application is received and filed on or before December 2 immediately preceding the February bar exam and May 2 immediately preceding the July bar exam. No applications for first-time applicants will be accepted after these dates.

B. **Remittance of fees.** All remittances for fees shall be made payable to the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners, shall be deposited to an account designated as New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners general fund, and shall be disbursed by order of the board in carrying out the functions, duties, and powers vested in said board. Application fees and costs are not refundable and will be applied toward the expenses of the board, including appropriate investigation by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

C. **Budget.** The board shall submit on or before January 1 of each year a proposed budget to the Supreme Court.

D. **Audit.** The board shall likewise, on or before March 1 of each year, submit to the Supreme Court an accounting and audit of all funds received and disbursed during the prior calendar year. Such audit shall be performed by an auditor to be selected by the Supreme Court.

E. **Compensation.** Members of the board shall receive mileage and per diem at the same rate as provided for public officials and employees of the state and any other compensation for service to the board as approved by the Supreme Court.

[As amended, effective August 21, 1987; November 14, 1988; December 15, 1993; November 1, 1994; April 23, 2001; August 23, 2002; December 12, 2003; as amended, by Supreme Court Order No. 05-8300-010, effective September 1, 2005; by Supreme Court Order No. 07-8300-009, effective April 17, 2007; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 13-8300-012, effective May 14, 2013; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 13-8300-048, effective December 6, 2013,

for applications for the July 2014 bar examination and subsequent bar examinations; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 14-8300-001, effective June 1, 2015; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 17-8300-008, effective for applications pending or filed on or after August 4, 2017.]