

15-302. Admission to practice.

A. **Time for admission.** Applicants who have qualified for admission and applicants who are being admitted with conditions set by the Supreme Court shall be granted a license to practice law in all the courts of this state. Applicants will be admitted at the regular session of the Supreme Court next following fulfillment by the applicant of all requirements of these rules. Successful applicants shall arrange with the court clerk to present themselves for admission within six (6) months after notification that they have satisfied all requirements for admission or follow the requirements for out-of-state swearing-in, as prescribed by the Board of Bar Examiners. Upon good cause presented in writing prior to expiration of such six (6) month period, the board may extend the period for admission. Applicants who fail to present themselves or apply for an extension within the period above fixed, or who fail to arrange for out-of-state swearing-in as prescribed by the Board of Bar Examiners, will be deemed to have abandoned their application for admission.

B. **Reinstatement.**

(1) A member of the bar who [voluntarily withdraws from membership] has been on inactive status and in good standing in the state bar for a period of one (1) year or more under the Rules Governing the New Mexico Bar[; or goes on inactive status pursuant to the rules of the state bar, or who has been suspended for nonpayment of bar dues or fees;] shall be required to file an application for reinstatement to active status with the Board of Bar Examiners for recommendation to the Supreme Court, and shall be required to pay to the Board of Bar Examiners a fee of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), plus any reasonable additional expenses, attorneys fees, and costs in connection with any investigations and hearings as the board deems necessary.

(2) A member of the bar who has been suspended for a period of one (1) year or more for nonpayment of active status dues or fees or for non-compliance with MCLE requirements shall be required to file an application for reinstatement to active status with the Board of Bar Examiners for recommendation to the Supreme Court, and shall be required to pay to the Board of Bar Examiners a fee of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), plus any reasonable additional expenses, attorneys fees, and costs in connection with any investigations and hearings as the board deems necessary.

(3) Unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Court, an applicant for reinstatement under this paragraph will not be required to take the bar examination.

C. **Reinstatement; additional condition.** The Supreme Court, as a condition of reinstatement, may impose a requirement that the applicant enroll in continuing legal education classes or a bar review course or any other requirement that the Supreme Court may deem necessary.

[As amended, effective November 1, 1994; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 15-8300-018, effective November 1, 2015; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 16-8300-035, effective for status changes on or after December 31, 2016.]