

At its meeting on April 24, 2026, the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee adopted the following revisions to its regulations. These revisions were published in the Connecticut Law Journal on May 19, 2026, and become effective on August 17, 2026. Additions are signified by underlining; deletions are signified by strikeout.

ARTICLE II LAW STUDY

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Art. II-3.

An applicant who has studied in a foreign country may qualify to apply for admission by submitting to the committee satisfactory proof of the legal education required by all subsections of this article.

(A) The applicant shall show successful completion of the educational requirements for admission to the practice of law in a country other than the United States by:

(1) successful completion of a period of study in a law school or schools each of which, throughout the period of the applicant's study therein, was approved by the government or an authorized accrediting body in such country, or of a political subdivision thereof, to award a first degree in law as evidenced by the report in subsection (C)(1) of this article.

(2) said program of study must be substantially equivalent in duration to the legal education provided by an American Bar Association approved law school in the United States.

(B) The applicant shall show successful completion of an LL.M. degree ~~program at~~ from an American Bar Association or committee approved law school ~~in the United States~~ meeting the following requirements:

(1) The ~~program~~ LL.M. degree shall consist of a minimum of twenty-four (24) credit hours (or the equivalent thereof, if the law school is on an academic schedule other than a conventional semester system) which, except as otherwise permitted herein, shall be in ~~classroom~~ courses ~~at the law school~~ in substantive and procedural law and professional skills;

~~(2) all coursework for the program shall be completed at the campus of an approved law school in the United States, except as otherwise expressly permitted in this section;~~

~~(3)~~ 2 The ~~program~~ LL.M. degree completed by the applicant shall include:

(a) a minimum of two (2) credit hours in a course or courses in professional responsibility;

(b) a minimum of two (2) credit hours in legal research, writing and analysis, which may not be satisfied by a research and writing requirement in a substantive law course;

(c) a minimum of two (2) credit hours in American legal studies, the American legal system or a similar course designed to introduce students to distinctive aspects and/or fundamental principles of United States law, which may be satisfied by a course in United States constitutional law or Federal or state civil procedure; credit earned in such course in excess of the required two (2) credit hours may be applied in satisfaction of the requirements set forth in subsection (B)~~(3)~~ 2(d); and

(d) a minimum of six (6) credit hours in other courses that principally focus on subject matter tested on the Connecticut bar examination. ~~as set forth in Article V-4.~~

(e) The program completed by the applicant may include a maximum of four (4) credit hours in clinical courses or externships, provided that the time and effort required and anticipated educational benefit are commensurate with the credit rewarded and

(i) the clinical course or externship includes a classroom instructional component in order to ensure contemporaneous discussion, review and evaluation of the clinical experience or externship; or

(ii) the clinical work or externship is done under the direct supervision of a member of the law school faculty.

(C) Petitions for determination on foreign education shall be filed on the form prescribed by the committee, together with such attachments as the committee may require. An applicant must receive approval of ~~his or her~~ their petition for determination on foreign education prior to filing an application for admission by examination, an application for admission by UBE score transfer, or an application for admission without examination. Applicants wishing to apply for admission by examination shall file a complete petition for determination on foreign education no later than April 01 for a July examination and no later than November 01 for a February examination. Incomplete petitions will not be considered. To be considered complete, a petition for determination on foreign education must be filed together with the following documentation:

(1) A course by course education evaluation report acceptable to the committee for every foreign law school attended;

(2) Official, final transcripts from all foreign undergraduate and foreign law schools attended;

(3) Copies of all diplomas or degree certificates from all foreign undergraduate and foreign law schools;

(4) Official transcript from the LL.M. degree granting law school, or if the applicant is not currently enrolled in an LL.M. program, a statement explaining the applicant's intention to obtain an LL.M. degree in accordance with subsection (B) of this Article; and

(5) The fee prescribed by Article X-1(G).

(D) The committee may, in its discretion, require submission of official course descriptions for courses taken at the LL.M. degree granting law school.

(E) The committee shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing. Applicants who receive approval of their petition for determination on foreign education may apply for admission by examination, admission by UBE score transfer, or admission without examination for the standard application fee.

(F) Applicants for admission by examination must provide an official, final transcript setting forth the date the degree was conferred and all courses taken directly from the LL.M. degree granting law school not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the examination for which the applicant has filed an application.