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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN
LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES TO SIT FOR
THE COLORADO BAR EXAMINATION**

1. Review the Rule 201.5(2)(a)(iii), C.R.C.P. on the next page.
2. If you meet all the criteria of this rule, you may submit a Petition for determination of Eligibility to sit for the Colorado Bar Exam pursuant to Rule 201.5(2)(a)(iii), C.R.C.P.
3. **Include a check for \$100.00.** If your petition is granted the \$100 fee will be credited to the application fee; if denied, your fee will be retained.
4. Your petition need not follow any particular form, but must be typewritten. Include the following information with your petition:
 - a. **A copy of your law school transcripts**, reflecting dates of attendance, course work, type of degree and date of graduation.
 - b. **A certificate from the Courts** before which you are admitted to practice law verifying your admission and good standing to practice law in the jurisdiction from which you graduated law school.
 - c. **Provide your position title**, the exact dates of each period of legal employment (beginning and ending); the complete address from which your law practice activities were carried out, and the complete address at which you resided during each period of employment listed.
 - d. **A detailed description** of each period of legal activity since your admission with an approximation of the percentage of time devoted to each activity.
5. All documents must be **original or certified** copies. Notarized photocopies will not be accepted for review.
6. **The petition MUST BE GRANTED BEFORE** a formal application to sit for the examination is filed. The completed application must be filed by the appropriate deadline.
7. Deadlines and application procedures are described in the “Exam Information” option on this website.

Rule 201.5 Educational Qualifications

- (1) Every Class A and Class B applicant shall have obtained a first professional law degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association.
- (2) Class C applicants shall meet the following educational requirements:
 - (a) Every Class C applicant shall have received at the time of the examination (i) a first professional law degree from a law school approved by the American Bar Association; or (ii) a first professional law degree from a state accredited law school, provided that such applicant shall have been admitted to the bar of another state, territory, or district of the United States and shall have been actively and substantially engaged in the practice of law, as defined by Rule 201.3(2), for five of the seven years immediately preceding application for admission to the Bar of Colorado; or (iii) a first professional law degree from a law school in a common law, English-speaking nation other than the United States provided that such applicant shall have been admitted to the bar of the nation where he/she received his/her first professional law degree and shall have been actively and substantially engaged in the practice of law, as defined by Rule 201.3(2), for five of the seven years immediately preceding application for admission to the bar of Colorado.
- (3) Class A, Class B, and Class C applicants shall be required to take and pass the Multi-State Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). A passing score will be valid if it was achieved at an examination taken not more than two years prior to acceptance of application for admission in Colorado. The Supreme Court shall review and approve, in advance, the general standards of performance that must be met in order to pass the MPRE.