

- (1) the document and any required fee are submitted electronically through the Board's website; or
 - (2) the document and any required fee are received by the Board in accordance with the Board's written policies and instructions.
- (d) A document submitted electronically is considered signed if the document includes:
- (1) a name typed in the space where the signature would otherwise appear;
 - (2) an electronic or scanned image of the signature;
 - (3) a digital signature; or
 - (4) any other form of signature allowed by the Board's written policies and instructions.
- (e) The Board must not disclose to any third party any information obtained with respect to the character or fitness of any Applicant, Declarant, or probationary licensee, except:
- (1) upon written authority of the Applicant, Declarant, or probationary licensee;
 - (2) in response to a valid subpoena from a court of competent jurisdiction; or
 - (3) to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas or to the Texas Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.
- (f) A document must be filed with the Board by the date stated in these rules even if the date falls on a weekend or holiday.
- (g) Every document required to be filed by these rules must be filed through the electronic filing manager established by the Board. A document is considered timely filed if it is electronically filed by 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on the filing deadline.

Rule 2

General Eligibility Requirements for Admission to the Texas Bar

- (a) To be eligible for admission or reinstatement as a licensed attorney in Texas, an Applicant must:

- (1) comply with all applicable requirements of these Rules;
 - (2) be at least 18 years of age;
 - (3) be of present good moral character and fitness;
 - (4) have completed the law study required under these Rules, unless specifically exempted under Rule 13;
 - (5) qualify under one of the following categories:
 - (G) be a United States citizen;
 - (H) be a United States national;
 - (I) be an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;
 - (J) be otherwise authorized to work lawfully in the United States, including in a period of Optional Practical Training; or
 - (K) be an Applicant who does not reside in the United States when the Application is submitted;
 - (6) have satisfactorily completed the Texas Bar Examination, unless exempted from the Bar Examination under Rule 13 (but in no event shall an Applicant for reinstatement be so exempted);
 - (7) have satisfactorily completed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination;
 - (8) be willing to take the oath required of attorneys in Texas;
 - (9) pay the appropriate licensing fee to the Clerk of Supreme Court of Texas; and
 - (10) enroll in the State Bar of Texas by filing an enrollment form and paying the appropriate fees and assessments due within the time specified in Article III, Sec. 2(A) of the State Bar Rules.
- (b) If an Applicant has not satisfied all requirements for admission to the Texas Bar within two years from the date that the Applicant is notified that the Applicant has passed all parts of the Texas Bar Examination, the Applicant's examination scores shall be void; provided, however, that the Board may waive this provision for good cause shown.