

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE ISRAEL BAR

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The following is a synopsis of the basic requirements for admission to the Israel Bar.

1. Requirements for eligibility to write the examination

- i) At least a first Law Degree of a Law School or other Higher Education Certificate recognized by the Faculty of law of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, or
- ii) At least two years' practical experience as an attorney, or judge, holding license to practice in country of origin. Thus, a lawyer without two years' professional practice must have his law degree recognized as per section 1(i) before being eligible to write the exam.

2. Written Examinations - Length of Examinations - 3 hours each

Subjects:

- a) Hebrew language
- b) Obligations (Tort and Contract) and Labour Law
- c) Property Law
- d) Family and Succession Law
- e) Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
- f) Civil Procedure and Professional Ethics
- g) Constitutional and Administrative Law
- h) Commercial Law A (Corporations, Partnerships and other Associations)
- i) Commercial Law B (Bankruptcy, Liquidations, Bills of Exchange, and Tax Law)

Exemption from Hebrew language on one of the conditions

- After passing at least 6 subjects answering Hebrew
- Certificate of "teudat bagrut " in Hebrew from the Ministry of Educational

a) Candidates qualify as per section 1(i) above are required to pass a Hebrew Examination, and six of eight examinations before beginning "articles" (see section 3 below).

b) Candidates qualifying as per section 1(ii) above are only required to pass a Hebrew examination before beginning articles. The law examination can be taken during the articles or after.

c) Questions and Answers

The questions on all law examinations are in Hebrew, but the answers may be written in any other Language approved by the Bar.

d) The pass mark for each examination is 61.

e) Dates of Examinations

The Law and Hebrew examinations are held twice a year in January and August. There is an additional Hebrew examination set in April and October.

Please note: A candidate must pass all examinations BEFORE he can take the Final Written Examination (see 4 below), or, if he is exempt from such Examination, BEFORE he can be admitted to the Israel Bar.

3. Articles of twelve months.

- a) Articles may be reduced at the discretion of the Israel Bar after consideration of the Candidate's length of legal practice.
- b) Articles must be at least 36 hours a week.

4. Final Written and Oral Examinations:

Held twice yearly in May and November, after completing articles, in the following theoretical and practical subjects:

- a) Procedure in Courts, execution office and bankruptcy.
- b) Procedure of registering lands and rights on real estate.
- c) Procedure of registering corporations, partnerships and liquidations.
- d) Interpretation of laws and judicial documents.
- e) Professional ethics.
- f) Evidence.
- g) Recent changes in case law and legislation.

Eligibility to sit for the Final Oral Examination is dependent on success in the Final Written Examination.

The examination under this Section are not required for candidates with at least five years previous professional legal experience as a lawyers and who begin their articles within ten years of arrival in Israel.

5. **Residence in Israel** is a condition for admission to the Israel Bar. Admission ceremonies are held twice yearly at the middle of June and the middle of December. In addition, a small ceremony during of mars and during of September

6. General

- a) Certificate of degrees, diplomas etc. must be submitted to the Israel Bar, 1 Chopin Street Jerusalem.

- b) Only originals or copies legalized (notarized) by the Israeli Consular officers abroad or Israeli Advocates are acceptable.
- c) Certificates for recognition of past legal experience must be obtained from the local Bar Association or other official judicial authorities in the country of origin in which the experience has been obtained, or, if this is not possible, on headed notepaper of employers.
- d) Applications for the examinations must be presented in writing at least one month prior to the examinations.

Fees

- 1. Registration to the Diney Israel exam - 160 INS each exam
- 2. Translation of the answers to the exams to another language:
 - English – 200 INS each exam
 - Other languages approved by the Bar – 500 INS each exam
- 3. Registration to article – 250 INS
- 4. Registration to the Bar exams (final):
 - a) written exam – 420 INS
 - b) Oral exams – 100 INS
 - c) Admission to the Bar – 660 INS