

CHAPTER 31
ADMISSION TO THE BAR

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Rule 31.6 Fee.

31.6(1) *Payment of application fee.* Every applicant for admission to the bar upon examination must, as a part of the application, pay to the Iowa board of law examiners an application fee. This fee is not refundable ~~and cannot be applied to a subsequent application.~~ The full fee must be paid within the deadline for filing the bar application under rule 31.5(2). The applicant must pay the applicable fee charged by any electronic application vendor.

31.6(2) *First Iowa bar exam application.* The fee is \$800 for every applicant submitting his or her first application to take the Iowa bar examination.

31.6(3) *Subsequent Iowa bar exam applications.* The following fees are applicable for those submitting a second or subsequent application to take the Iowa bar examination. For applicants not previously admitted to practice law in any other state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, the fee is \$550. For applicants previously admitted to practice law in another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, the fee is \$800.

31.6(4) An applicant who is unable to take the bar examination after filing an application and fee may submit a written request to the Director to defer the fee to the next scheduled bar examination date, provided:

a. The deferral request must be received by the Director before the start of the first day of the currently-scheduled bar examination. No deferral is permitted after the bar examination begins.

b. An applicant who has been denied permission to take the Iowa bar examination or who has been denied recommendation for admission to practice law in Iowa under rule 31.9(2) is not eligible to defer the exam fee.

c. The applicant must submit a new, complete bar application as prescribed by Iowa Court Rule 31.5(2) on or before the deadline for the next scheduled bar examination. The new application must be accompanied by a \$100 deferred application filing fee. There will be no waiver of the deadlines.

d. The fee deferral under this rule is only valid for the next scheduled bar examination. An applicant who elects to defer the application fee under this rule but who fails to take the next scheduled Iowa bar examination for any reason is not eligible to defer the application fee to any subsequent exam.

e. Deferral applicants are subject to good moral character and fitness provisions contained in Iowa Court Rule 31.9.

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Rule 31.12 Admission of attorneys from other jurisdictions; requirements and fees.

31.12(1) An applicant who meets the requirements of this rule and rule 31.13 may, in the discretion of the court, be admitted to the practice of law in this state without examination.

31.12(2) The applicant must file the application with the National Conference of Bar Examiners through its online character and fitness application process ~~unless an exception is granted by the office of professional regulation.~~ The applicant must pay a nonrefundable administrative fee of \$900 to the office of professional regulation at the time of filing the application. The character investigation services of the National Conference of Bar Examiners ~~must~~ will be procured in all cases where application for admission

on motion is made. The applicant must pay the investigative fee required by the National Conference of Bar Examiners at the time of filing the application.