

NSW Admission Board Ninth Amendment Rule 2024

under the

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014

The Legal Profession Admission Board made the following rule under the Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 on 3 December 2024.

Jerry Riznyczok
Executive Officer of the Board

Explanatory note

The object of this rule is to amend the NSW Admission Board Rules 2015 to prescribe the minimum age for enrolment as a student-at-law, clarify the number of examinations that must be sat in order for a person to be awarded the Diploma in Law and to assign to the Performance Review Sub Committee a role in considering applications for relaxation of the student exclusion rules and the minimum age for enrolment as a student-at-law

1 Name of Rule

This Rule is the NSW Admission Board Ninth Amendment Rule 2024.

2 Commencement

This Rule commences on its publication in the New South Wales Government Gazette.

3 Amendment of NSW Admission Board Rules 2015

(1) Rule 29 – Eligibility for registration as a student-at-law

Omit the rule. Insert instead:

29 Eligibility for registration as a student-at-law

- (1) A person is eligible to apply for registration as a student-at-law if he or she intends to remain in Australia during the whole of his or her candidature for the Board's examinations, is aged 18 years or over, and:
- (a) has passed the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT MC or STAT T) with a mark of 149 or above,
 - (b) is a graduate,
 - (c) has completed the NSW Higher School Certificate achieving the levels set out in the following table:

Years	Minimum Level	Minimum English mark calculated as an average of HSC examination and assessment marks	
Before 1986	Aggregate of 253	2 Unit General/2 Unit A	60
		2 Unit	53
1986–1990	TES of 253	2 Unit General	60
		2 Unit	53
1990–1999	TER of 50	2 Unit Contemporary	60
		2 Unit Related/General	53
1999–2000	UAI of 66	2 Unit Contemporary	60
		2 Unit Related/General	53
2001–2008	UAI of 66	Standard/Advanced	60
		ESL	70
2009–	ATAR of 68.90	Standard/Advanced	60
		ESL	70

- (d) has completed the equivalent of the NSW Higher School Certificate examination in Australia or New Zealand, achieving a level equivalent to one of the levels set out in the table in paragraph (c),
- (e) holds a Graduate Certificate/Vocational Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma/Vocational Graduate Diploma, an associate degree, advanced diploma, diploma, or associate diploma from an Australian university or TAFE college, and is aged 18 years or over,
- (f) has passed the International Baccalaureate examination with a result of 30 points or more and a result in English A of at least 4 points at the Higher Level or 5 points at the Standard level,
- (g) has been admitted to candidature for a degree in an Australian or New Zealand university,
- (h) has qualified in a TAFE college or elsewhere for the award of a Certificate III or Certificate IV as assessed by the Australian Qualifications Framework, and is aged 18 years or over,
- (i) has gained qualifications outside Australia equivalent to a Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Certificate III or Certificate IV,
- (j) has been employed as a paralegal or a legal secretary undertaking actual legal work under supervision for at least three years, or
- (k) has been or is either a police officer or a registered nurse who has passed examinations in either of those professions.
- (2) The Executive Officer of the Performance Review Sub-Committee or the Performance Review Sub-Committee may, in circumstances which it, he or she

regards as sufficiently special and upon such conditions as it, he or she thinks fit, relax this rule.

Note: A candidate may apply for review under rule 71

(2) Rule 67 – Relaxation of exclusion rules

Omit the rule. Insert instead:

67 Relaxation of exclusion rules

- (1) A person excluded by rule 64, rule 65, rule 66 or 66A may apply for a relaxation of the Rules.
- (2) The Executive Officer or the Performance Review Sub-Committee may, in circumstances in which it, he or she regards as sufficiently special and upon such conditions as he or she things fit, relax the relevant rule.
- (3) The Executive Officer may refer any application to the Performance Review Sub Committee for determination.
- (4) The Examinations Committee may publish guidelines from time to time on the operations of this rule, and which may also include the types of matters which may be dealt with by either the Performance Review Sub-Committee or the Executive Officer.

Note: A candidate may apply for review under rule 71

(3) Rule 71

Omit the rule. Insert instead:

71 Review

- (1) A person aggrieved by a determination of the Performance Review Sub-Committee or the Executive Officer under rule 29 or 67 may, within one month of being given notice of the determination or within such extended time as the Examinations Committee may allow, apply to the Examinations Committee for a review of the determination.
- (2) A person aggrieved by a determination of the Examinations Committee under subrule (1) may, within one month of being given notice of the determination or within such extended time as the Board may allow, apply to the Board for a review of the determination.

(4) Rule 80 – Diploma in Law

- (i) Amend the Rule by adding the heading “**Diploma in Law**” next to the number “80”.
- (ii) Omit sub-rule 80 (2). Insert instead:
 - (2) No person is entitled to receive the Diploma if he or she has sat for and passed less than ten (10) of the Board’s examinations.