

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 3-5

Form 2

If you do not meet eligibility requirements 3, 4 or 5 as listed on the application form, you may apply for the Board's discretion to be accepted as a candidate.

Your application for the Board's consideration for acceptance as a candidate must be accompanied by 2 written referee reports.

Please tick the appropriate box and attach required documentation.



I HAVE NOT PRACTISED ON A FULL TIME BASIS FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS

Please note that the Board will not consider applications where the time in practice is less than 4 years.

Documents required:

- 1 A one page summary outlining your pre-admission experience or other experience that you would like the Board to take into account when considering your application. This outline must include details of the following:
 - Name & address of employer(s) (firm, corporation, etc.)
 - Position(s) held (state whether full or part time)
 - Start-finish dates of position(s)
 - Duties (level of responsibility/involvement or experience in that area of practice)
- 2 Supported by 2 referee's reports completed using *Referee Report to Support Application*

OR

I HAVE NOT SPENT AT LEAST 25% OF FULL TIME PRACTICE IN THIS AREA IN THE PAST 3 YEARS

Documents required:

- 1 A one page summary of your reason(s) for not having spent 25% of full time practice in this area in the past 3 years e.g. period of maternity leave/time spent overseas/part time work; and any experience prior to the last three years or other experiences you would like the Board to take into account when considering your application. You must include the following details:
 - Name & address of employer(s) (firm, corporation, etc.)
 - Position(s) held
 - Full time/part time (if part time state hours per week)
 - Start-finish dates of position(s)
 - Duties (level of responsibility/involvement or experience in that area of law)
- 2 Supported by 2 referee reports completed using *Referee Report to Support Application*

 **PROCEDURE**

To ensure that your application for exemption is complete, please ensure you have submitted the following:

- i. *2012 Application for Specialist Accreditation (FORM 1)*
- ii. *Application for Exemption from Eligibility Criteria 3-5 (FORM 2)*, accompanied by a one page summary
- iii. Two referees reports completed using *Referee Report to Support Application*

 **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 16 APRIL 2012**

2012 Specialist Accreditation

REFEREE REPORT to support Application for Board's Discretion



PLEASE ENSURE HANDWRITING IS LEGIBLE



DUE BY 16 APRIL 2012

Full name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Applicant's name: _____

Area of practice applied for: _____



Referee reports are to be submitted in support of a request for exemption from practice experience elements of eligibility criteria 3, 4 or 5.

The eligibility criteria that the applicant is seeking exemption from include:

- 3 The applicant have been engaged in the practice¹ of law on a full time basis for at least 5 years²
- 4 In each of the 3 year immediately preceding the application for Accreditation, the applicant has been engaged in this area of practice
- 5 The time the applicant has devoted to this area of practice in each year of the past 3 years is not less than 25% of the time required to conduct a full time practice

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1 "practice of law" does not include pre-admission experience

2 "years" runs from the date of commencement of practice to 30 June 2012.

1 How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

2 What is your experience of the applicant as a solicitor, giving examples of cases they have worked on? (Please attach any additional supporting material).

3 Would you consider the applicant to be "specially competent" in this area of practice and on what basis do you make this assessment?

4 Please make any additional comments in relation to the application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

