

Board of Law Examiners

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INFORMATION FOR RULE XIII APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVED THEIR INITIAL LAW DEGREE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the State Bar of Texas. This page is **not** a complete statement of the requirements for admission. Please read important information in the *Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas* (“the Rules”) on our website at www.ble.state.tx.us.

Requirement of equivalent legal education. For attorneys licensed in other nations who are applying to take the Texas Bar Examination, Rule XIII(b) contains specific eligibility requirements. Both Rule XIII(b)(1)(B) and (b)(2)(B) place a burden on the attorney to demonstrate, among other things, that he or she holds an initial law degree that is “the equivalent of a J.D. degree, which is not based on study by correspondence, from a law school accredited in the jurisdiction where it exists and which requires the equivalent of a three-year course of study, which is the substantial equivalent of the legal education provided by an approved law school.”

Timely application. Because our usual investigation and verification of educational and professional credentials can sometimes be delayed when responses from institutions in foreign nations are not forthcoming or when postal service overseas is inefficient, it is prudent for Rule XIII(b) applicants to file timely. Applicants assume a risk that foreign institutions may not respond to our routine inquiries in sufficient time for eligibility to be determined before the bar exam, and this can result in denial of the application. According to Rule XVIII(b), refunds or transfers of application fees are not authorized. Therefore, it is advisable to have the application prepared and filed before the timely deadline specified in Rule IX(a)(1) or (2) and to plan for all required documentation to be provided.

Evaluation of certified transcripts. In addition to any other requirements in the Rules or the application instructions, all Rule XIII applicants who received their initial law degree outside the United States are required to do the following:

- (1) Arrange, at the applicant’s expense, for an approved credential evaluation service to review a certified transcript of all legal studies completed and prepare a detailed analysis and evaluation of the applicant’s legal education. The credential evaluation report must be sent directly to the Board, and the report must contain complete information including courses, U.S. unit/hour equivalents, U.S. grade equivalents, and credible, authoritative statements or opinions addressing the authenticity of the credentials and the equivalency of the initial law degree as required under section (b)(1)(B) or (b)(2)(B) of Rule XIII(b) of the *Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas*. After the Board receives the report directly from the approved credential evaluation service, the applicant would then receive a \$100 credit toward the Foreign Inquiry fee.
- (2) Also, applicants must submit with their application a certified transcript of all legal studies completed. This must include the beginning and ending dates of enrollment, each class taken, the grade or mark received for each class and the date the degree was awarded. Documents in a language other than English must be accompanied by a notarized translation by a disinterested party and attested to as to accuracy.

A listing of approved credential evaluation services appears on the following pages:

APPROVED CREDENTIAL EVALUATION SERVICES

<p>American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Office of International Education Services One Dupont Circle, N.W., Ste. 520 Washington, DC 20036-1135 (202) 296-3359 Fax: (202) 822-3940 email: oies@aacrao.org</p>	<p>C.E.I.E. Specialists, Inc. 10575 Katy Freeway, Ste. 432 Houston, TX 77224-6753 (713) 952-6753 Fax: (713) 467-2474 email: sant2@aol.com</p>
<p>Center for Applied Research, Evaluations, & Education, Inc. P. O. Box 20348 Long Beach, CA 90801 (562) 430-2030 Fax: (562) 430-8215 email: evalcaree@earthlink.net</p>	<p>Center for Educational Documentations, Inc. P. O. Box 231126 Boston, MA 02123-1126 (617) 338-7171 Fax: (617) 338-7101 email: info@cedevaluations.com</p>
<p>Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. P. O. Box 514070 Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470 (414) 289-3400 Fax: (414) 289-3411 email: eval@ece.org http://www.ece.org</p>	<p>Education Evaluators International, Inc. P. O. Box 5397 Los Alamitos, CA 90720-5397 (562) 431-2187 Fax: (562) 493-5021 email: gary@educei.com</p>
<p>Education International, Inc. 29 Denton Road Wellesley, MA 02482 (781) 235-7425 Fax: (781) 235-6831 email: edint@gis.net</p>	<p>Educational Records Evaluation Services, Inc. 601 University Avenue, Ste. 127 Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 921-0790 Fax: (916) 921-0793 email: edu@eres.com http://www.eres.com</p>
<p>Evaluation Service, Inc. P. O. Box 85 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 (845) 223-6455 Fax: (845) 223-6454 email: esi@capital.net</p>	<p>Foreign Academic Credential Service, Inc. P. O. Box 400 Glen Carbon, IL 62034 (618) 288-1661 Fax: (618) 656-5292 email: facs@aol.com</p>
<p>Foreign Consultants, Inc. 3000 Dundee Road, Ste. 209 Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-4499 or 3394 email: info@foreignconultacts.com</p>	<p>Foreign Credential Services of America 1910 Justin Lane Austin, TX 78757 (512) 459-8428 Fax: (512) 459-4565 email: info@fcsa.biz</p>
<p>The Foreign Educational Document Service P. O. Box 4091 Stockton, CA 95204 (209) 948-6589 email: foredocs@inreach.com</p>	<p>Foundation for International Services, Inc. 14926 35th Ave. W Suite 210 Lynnwood, WA 98087 (425) 248-2255 Fax: (425) 248-2262 email: info@fis-web.com</p>

<p>Global Credential Evaluators, Inc. (Southeast) Evaluation Processing Center P. O. Box 1904 Ocean Springs, MS 39566 (228) 818-4487 Fax: (512) 528-9293 email: gce@gcevaluators.com</p>	<p>Global Credential Evaluators, Inc. (Southwest) P. O. Box 9203 College Station, TX 77842-9203 (979) 690-8912 Fax: (512) 528-9293 (512) 528-0908 email: gce@gcevaluators.com</p>
<p>Global Education Group, Inc. 1650 Alton Road Miami Beach, FL 33139 (305) 534-8745 Fax: (305) 534-3487 email: global@globaledu.com</p>	<p>Globe Language Services 319 Broadway New York, NY 10007 (212) 227-1994 Fax: (212) 693-1489 email: info@globelanguage.com</p>
<p>International Academic Credential Evaluator, Inc. P. O. Box 2465 Denton, TX 76202-2465 (940) 383-7498 Fax: (940) 382-4874 (972) 664-1584 Fax: (972) 690-7187 email: staff@iacei.net</p>	<p>International Consultants of Delaware, Inc. 3600 Market Street, Ste. 450 Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651 (215) 222-8454, ext. 510 Fax: (215) 349-0026 email: icd@icdel.com http://www.icdel.com</p>
<p>International Education Research Foundation, Inc. P. O. Box 3665 Culver City, CA 90231-3665 (310) 390-6276 Fax: (310) 397-7686 email: information@ierf.org</p>	<p>Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. 7101 SW 102 Avenue Miami, FL 33171 (305) 273-1616 Fax: (305) 273-1338 email: info@jsilny.com http://www.jsilny.com</p>
<p>Lincoln International Educational Associates P. O. Box 3043 Lawrence KS 66046-0043 (785) 843-1270 Fax: (785) 843-1270 email: clincoln@sunflower.com</p>	<p>SDR Educational Consultants 10134 Hammerly, #192 Houston, TX 77080 (713) 460-3525 Fax: (713) 460-5344 email: sdrodrig@aol.com</p>
<p>Worldwide Education Consultant Services 5521 North Expressway 77 Brownsville, TX 78520 (956) 350-4660 Fax: (956) 350-2462 email: argonzalez43@yahoo.com</p>	<p>World Education Services, Inc. P. O. Box 745 Old Chelsea Station New York, NY 10113-0745 (800) 937-3895 Fax: (212) 966-6395 email: info@wes.org http://www.wes.org</p>