

Section 3. Any person in this State desiring to begin the study of law for the purpose of admission to the Bar shall first file with the Clerk of the Court of Appeals an application for registration as a law student, and at the same time shall file therewith a certificate showing that he has completed a course of study at some university, college, high school or other school substantially equivalent to a high school education in Maryland; said university, college, high or other school to be approved by the State Board of Law Examiners; and if he has not completed such course of study, he shall submit to an examination, to be held under the supervision of the State Board of Law Examiners, in such subjects as may be prescribed by the rules of the Court of Appeals, in order to show that his education is substantially equivalent to a high school education in Maryland; if the said Board shall approve such certificate of graduation, or the applicant shall pass such an examination, he shall then be entitled to registration as a law student.

Nunc pro tunc registration may be permitted if the candidate had the requisite education at the date as of which he desires to be registered and there has been no laches on his part, said matters to be determined by the State Board of Law Examiners.

A candidate removing from a jurisdiction having similar standards for registration may have the registration transferred. All applications for admission to the Bar shall be referred by the Court of Appeals to the State Board of Law Examiners, who shall examine the applicant touching his or her qualifications for admission to the Bar. No one shall be examined who shall not have studied law in a law school in some part of the United States, or in the office of a member of the Bar of this State for at least three years; no one shall be examined who shall not have been registered as aforesaid as a law student before beginning said period of study; but any candidate who shall have pursued the study of law in a school outside the State of Maryland for the requisite period may take the Bar examination without registration; provided he shall satisfy the said Board of Law Examiners that before beginning the study of law he had completed the course of a university, college, high school or other school approved by the Board of Law Examiners, or was admitted to a college or law school, the requirements for entrance to which shall be approved by the Board of Law Examiners.