

Subsection (f) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Art. 10, § 3(d)(1), as that sentence related to prescribing rules to carry out the provisions of that section.

In subsection (b) of this section, the term "good character and reputation" is standard language substituted for the former term "good moral character", to conform to similar provisions elsewhere in this article.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former requirement that an applicant not be "a subversive person as defined by the Subversive Activities Act of 1949" is deleted as obsolete since Ch. 257, Acts of 1978, repealed former Art. 85A, which was known as the Subversive Activities Act of 1949.

In subsection (c) of this section, the requirement to be at least 18 years old "as of the date of admission" is added to reflect that, under § 10-209(a)(2) of this subtitle, an individual may take the examination before becoming 18.

In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the affirmative duty to complete 90 hours is substituted for the former statement, in the third sentence of former Art. 10, § 4(b), that completion is "satisfactory compliance with the requirements of this subsection [former § 4(b)]". The former statement was misleading since it suggested that completion of 90 hours was only an alternative for completion of 3 years of college -- as stipulated in the first sentence of former § 4(b) -- even if the 3 years encompassed fewer than 90 hours. In fact, the 90-hour requirement superseded the 3-year requirement, and, therefore, the first sentence of former Art. 10, § 4(b) is deleted.

This deletion also avoids another problem caused by the prohibition, in the first sentence of former Art. 10, § 4(b), against "begin[ning] the study of law" unless the person submits proof satisfactory to the Board that the person has completed the prelegal education requirements. Under Rule 2 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar, the Board requires proof of compliance with the prelegal education requirements as part of the Application for Registration as a Candidate for Admission to the Bar. That application may be submitted by any individual already enrolled in a law school and, in practice, usually is submitted during the last year of law school.