

# INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS PRESENTING ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS OBTAINED OUTSIDE CANADA

All individuals who have obtained their legal training outside Canada and wish to be admitted to practise law in Manitoba are required to apply to have their academic credentials evaluated by the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) in Ottawa.

The National Committee on Accreditation was established by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. The function of this committee is to examine the training and experience of persons with foreign credentials with a view to providing interested law societies, law schools or foreign applicants themselves with an evaluation of their qualifications.

Typically, the National Committee recommends some additional period of study in a Canadian law school to ensure lawyers with foreign credentials are equivalent to Canadian law school graduates.

**Since most evaluations recommend that the applicant attend a Canadian law school for further study, applicants are advised to apply immediately for admission to a law school of their choice.**

You will find complete information about the process to obtain a Certificate of Qualification from the NCA on their website at: [www.flsc.ca/en/foreignLawyers/foreignLawyers.asp](http://www.flsc.ca/en/foreignLawyers/foreignLawyers.asp) . All questions on the process of evaluating your educational credentials should be made directly to the National Committee on Accreditation. The email address for the National Committee on Accreditation is [nca@flsc.ca](mailto:nca@flsc.ca)

Once you have fulfilled the recommendations of the National Committee and obtained a Certificate of Qualification, you would be eligible to apply for entrance to the CPLED (Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education) Program in Manitoba and to complete your period of articles (52 weeks). If you have practising experience you may be eligible for an exemption from all or part of the CPLED Program and articling requirements. For detailed information about articling in Manitoba and the CPLED Program, please visit our website at: [www.lawsociety.mb.ca/articling.htm](http://www.lawsociety.mb.ca/articling.htm)

**Applicants should be aware that they can not commence articling or enter the CPLED Program until he or she has received approval to do so from The Law Society of Manitoba.**

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