

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF BAR ADMISSIONS

BOARD TO DETERMINE FITNESS
OF BAR APPLICANTS

BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS

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**Policy Regarding
Lapsed Certification of Eligibility for Admission to the Practice of Law**
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According to Part B, Section 14 of the **Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law** in Georgia,

Upon an applicant's passing the bar examination and provided that his or her Certification of Fitness to Practice Law is current and that he or she has met all of the educational and testing requirements of these **Rules**, the Board of Bar Examiners shall issue a certification of eligibility for admission to the practice of law to the applicant. Certification may be in such form as the Board prescribes, including a letter bearing the seal of the Board and signed by the chair of the Board of Bar Examiners, or any member of the Board designated by the chairman or by the Director of Bar Admissions. The applicant shall deliver an original certificate to the Chief Judge of the circuit in which he or she wishes to be admitted to the Bar. Such certificate shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. A duplicate original certificate shall not be issued for ten (10) business days following the release date of bar examination results.

In furtherance of this **Rule**, the Board of Bar Examiners has adopted the following policy:

In the event an applicant fails to be sworn in to the practice of law for more than twelve months but less than eighteen months from the date of issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility for Admission to the Practice of Law, the applicant will be required to file the Affidavit of Lapsed Certification of Eligibility.

In the event an applicant fails to be sworn in to the practice of law for more than eighteen months from the date of issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility for Admission to the Practice of Law, the applicant will be required to undergo an abbreviated fitness investigation (mini-investigation) and pay a fee of \$400.00.