

LAWYER LICENSING PROCESS – ARTICLING

Application for Exemption from the Experiential Training Program

Instructions:

1. All applicants must complete all sections.
2. Once complete email to articling@lso.ca

Application and Fee: Licensing and Accreditation may grant an exemption from articles based on a review of this application, along with required documentation and the applicable fee of \$160.00 (plus applicable taxes). Once the review process has commenced, the fee will be invoiced to the candidate's online account.

Part A: Candidate Information

Candidate Name:

Candidate Number:

A Candidate may apply for an exemption from the Experiential Training Program if the candidate has been licensed to practice law in a common law jurisdiction and has practised as a lawyer for a minimum of months.¹

Jurisdiction

Date of admission to the Bar

Jurisdiction

Date of admission to the Bar

When evaluating a candidate's request for an exemption, the Team Manager, Experiential Training Programs will consider:

- a) the length, recency, nature, scope and diversity of the candidate's common law experience; and
- b) the relevance of the common law practice experience to the legal skills, practices and systems of Ontario.

Candidates and Referees should refer to the criteria for exemption in the [Lawyer Licensing Process Policies](#) and the [experiential training competencies for candidates](#) as a guide to completing the application.

¹ Where a candidate who requests an exemption of the Articling Term based on prior common law practice experience has been licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction, the Candidate must currently be in good standing in that jurisdiction or must have chosen not to maintain their license to practice law in that jurisdiction for reasons other than disciplinary action.

Part B: Referee(s) Information

In support of the candidate letter, a referee should be provided for each experience cited in the candidate letter. The referee should verify and provide specific examples of the candidate's experience during the period of time and location of employment.

First Lawyer/Judge Referee

Name:

Period of experience:

Location:

Second Lawyer/Judge Referee

Name:

Period of experience:

Location:

Part C: Candidate Acknowledgment

Due to COVID-19, we ask that **all supporting documentation be emailed to articling@lso.ca**. Previously, the physical copy of the Certificate of Standing was required, however, we will now accept Certificates that are emailed directly from the issuing jurisdiction.

I acknowledge that the following documents are required in support of my application, and that my application will not be deemed as complete and reviewed until all documents are received:

1. Candidate Letter
2. Referee Letter(s)
3. Certificate of Standing sent directly from the issuing jurisdiction

I have read and understood the requirements of this application. I will ensure that all supporting documents and applicable fees required by this application are filed and paid. I understand that if my application is not complete within one year, it will expire and I may be required to re-submit my supporting documentation. I confirm that the facts contained in this application are true.

Signature:

Date:

By typing your name into the signature field you agree that you are signing this form electronically and that your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this form.