

Application



Returning to Practice

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An application for returning to practice may be made by non-practising members or retired members who want to return to active practice. All applicants must complete Part A of this form. Those applying for full-time liability insurance must complete Part C. Those applying for the part-time insurance discount must complete Part D. Those applying for an exemption from insurance must complete Part E.

| PART A: Name and address | | | |
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| 1. Given Name(s) | | Surname | |
| 2. Practice Address | | | |
| Firm name | | | |
| Street | | | City |
| Province/State | Country | | Postal/ZIP code |
| Telephone | Fax | Email | |
| 3. Mailing Address (if different from above) | | | |
| Street | | | City |
| Province/State | Country | | Postal/ZIP code |
| Telephone | Fax | Email | |
| 4. I request release of my undertaking not to engage in the practice of law in order to requalify to practising status effective: Date (YYYY/MM/DD) | | | |
| PART B: Returning to practice conditions | | | |
| 5. Law Society Rules 2-88 to 2-90 set out the conditions for returning to practice. These conditions depend on the nature of the activities in which you have been engaged during the past five years and whether these activities constitute the practice of law. Using the space below, describe the activities in which you have engaged during the past five years that you believe are relevant to the conditions stipulated in Rules 2-88 to 2-90. Please also confirm "how often" you engaged in these activities (e.g., hours per week). | | | |
| From (YYYY/MM) | To (YYYY/MM) | Name of employer | Brief description of employment |
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PART C: Full-time Insurance

I undertake to contact the Law Society of British Columbia as soon as possible if a change in circumstances arises that would alter my liability insurance requirement.

Date**Signature of applicant****PART D: Part-time Insurance (25 hours or less per week)**

1. I undertake to engage in the private practice of law, related professional services, or activities that further those services for an average of 25 hours per week or less, beginning on the effective date that I indicated in Part A of this form.
2. I declare that I have not had a professional liability insurance claim in the past five calendar years in BC or any other jurisdiction for which an indemnity payment has been made.
3. I undertake to contact the Law Society of British Columbia as soon as possible if a change in circumstances arises that would alter any part of this undertaking and declaration.
4. I declare that as a condition of approval of my application, I will make available to the Law Society of British Columbia or its agents all information, including books, accounts and records, which it requires to confirm my eligibility for this discount.

Date**Signature of applicant****PART E: Exemption from Insurance**

Check one only:

- Employed fulltime in a corporation other than a law corporation, in a society, union, or in a similar organization, and not engaged in the practice of law other than in the course of such employment. If you are a dependent contractor you are considered employed for the purpose of this classification.
- Employed fulltime in a government department and not engaged in the practice of law other than in the course of such employment or on contract to a branch of the provincial government or a Crown corporation that has given the Law Society of British Columbia an indemnity.
- Provide research and opinion services solely to an insured member and have no client contact whatsoever (includes law professors rendering research and opinion services to government).
- Not engaged in the practice of law at present (includes lawyers on sabbaticals, maternity and parental leave, and unemployed lawyers).
- Reside outside British Columbia and not engaged in the practice of BC law.
- Reside outside British Columbia, engaged occasionally in the practice of BC law, but have professional liability insurance in another jurisdiction that covers the occasional practice of BC law.
- Entitled to practise law in a reciprocating jurisdiction*, a member of that jurisdiction's law society, a resident** in that jurisdiction and maintain the full professional liability insurance required in that jurisdiction.
- Entitled to practise law as a Canadian Legal Advisor in BC and maintain the full professional liability insurance coverage required by the Barreau du Québec that extends to the Canadian Legal Advisor's practice in BC.

* All of the provinces except Quebec *and* territories except Nunavut are reciprocating jurisdictions for the purposes of claiming an exemption.

** Resident has the meaning, with respect to a province, that it has with respect to Canada in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

Date**Signature of applicant**

The information in this form is collected under the Law Society Rules. The information provided will be used to process your application for returning to practice. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact a Member Services Representative at the Law Society of British Columbia.