

Assignment of Articles

Can an articulated student change principals for the articling term?

When an articulated student wishes to change principals for the articling term, the student must apply to the Law Society for permission to assign his or her articles: see Law Society Rule 2-67.

How do I apply for permission to assign my articles to a new principal?

To apply for permission to assign your articles to another principal, you must file the following forms with the Law Society within seven days after commencing employment at the office of the new principal:

- Assignment of Articles Agreement;
- Declaration of Previous Principal;
- Articling Skills and Practice Checklist; and
- statements from you and your previous principal briefly setting out the reasons for the assignment.

If you fail to apply for an assignment of articles within the seven-day deadline, the period of time between the date you left the office of the previous principal and the date you filed the assignment of articles documents is not included in the calculation of your nine-month articling term, unless the Credentials Committee directs otherwise: see Law Society Rule 2-67(2). If you have missed the seven-day deadline, include a submission to the Committee setting out reasons for the lateness of your application.

How can I obtain more information?

If you have any questions on the LSAP, please contact:

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The information in this package is based on the Law Society Rules as they exist at this time. You must comply with the Rules that are in effect at the time you apply and with any changes in the Rules that may occur while you are in the process of applying for an assignment of articles. If you have any questions about assignment of articles, contact Registration & Licensee Services at the Law Society of British Columbia.

LAW SOCIETY RULES

Assignment of articles

- 2-67** (1) An articulated student may apply for permission to assign his or her articles to another lawyer qualified to act as a principal by filing with the Executive Director, not later than 7 days after commencing employment at the office of the new principal,
- (a) an assignment of articles in a form approved by the Credentials Committee,
 - (b) a declaration of principal in a form approved by the Credentials Committee, and
 - (c) statements from the previous principal and from the articulated student setting out the reasons for the assignment.
- (2) If the articulated student does not apply to the Executive Director within the time specified in subrule (1), the time between the date the student left the previous principal's office and the date the student filed the application for assignment is not part of the articling period, unless the Credentials Committee directs otherwise.
- (3) If the previous principal does not execute one or more of the documents referred to in subrule (1), the Executive Director may dispense with the filing of those documents.
- (4) If the proposed principal is qualified to act as principal to an articulated student, the Executive Director may approve an application under this rule.
- (5) If the Executive Director refers an application under this rule to the Credentials Committee, the Committee must consider the student's submissions, and may
- (a) approve the application without conditions or limitations,
 - (b) approve the application, subject to any conditions or limitations it considers appropriate, or
 - (c) reject the application.
- (6) An application under this rule must be approved effective on or after the date on which the articulated student began employment at the office of a new principal.