



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Manila

Office of the Bar Confidant

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAR EXAMINATIONS
FOR REFRESHERS**

All applicants for the Bar Examinations must file a verified Petition in the form prescribed by the Supreme Court. Any alteration, revision or deletion in any of the provisions therein is strictly prohibited and may be a ground for disqualification in taking the bar examinations.

Petition to Take the 2021 Bar Examinations may be downloaded from the Supreme Court website www.sc.judiciary.gov.ph and at the Online Application System (OAS).

In addition to the said verified Petition, applicants must also submit the following documents, in their ORIGINAL copies, unless otherwise provided:

- A. REFRESHERS (WITHOUT CASES)
COVERED BY SECTION 16 RULE 138 OF THE RULES OF COURT OR
THOSE WHO FAILED THE BAR EXAMINATIONS FOR THREE OR MORE TIMES**
- 1) **Testimonial of Good Moral Character** executed by two (2) different members of the Philippine Bar who are not related to the applicant by consanguinity or affinity within the fourth civil degree
 - 2) **Completion of Refresher Course¹**
 - a. Notarized **Certifications** by each individual Professor that the applicant passed the following subjects and indicating therein the grades obtained:
 - Political/ Constitutional Law Review
 - Labor Law Review
 - Civil Law Review I
 - Civil Law Review II
 - Taxation Law Review
 - Commercial Law Review
 - Criminal Law Review
 - Remedial Law Review I
 - Remedial Law Review II
 - b. Notarized **Certification** issued by the School Registrar and duly noted by the Law Dean stating that the Professors mentioned are bona fide professors of the law school/ university where the refresher course was taken.
 - 3) Notarized **Certification** issued by the School Registrar that the applicant is currently enrolled in and is regularly attending the **Pre-Bar Review Course**
 - 4) Notarized **Certification** issued by the School Registrar that the applicant **completed the Pre-Bar Review Course** (to be submitted after completion of the course)

¹ Bar Matter No. 3454 (Re: Letter of Dean Emerson B. Aquende, Chairperson, Legal Education Board, Relative to the Rule on Refresher Course) – The Court resolved, upon the recommendation of the Office of the Bar Confidant, to **ADOPT** the following recommendations of Dean Emerson B. Aquende, Chairperson, Legal Education Board, to take effect in the 2019 Bar Examinations, to wit:

- i. Those required to take the fourth year refresher course shall be required to complete the same within a maximum period of two (2) years beginning their initial enrollment; and
- ii. Those who have completed the fourth year refresher course shall be given an maximum of three (3) years within which to take the Bar Examinations.

(Revised as of February 2021)

- 5) Un-retouched **photo** (1 ½ x 1 ½) in white background with name IMPRINTED thereon (in the format: Surname, Given Name, Middle Initial) taken within the six (6) months prior to submission (to be attached in the Petition)

B. REFRESHERS (WITH CASE/S)

In addition to the above-enumerated requirements, applicant must also submit:

1) PENDING CASE/S

- In cases where the applicant has case/s, of whatever nature pending before any jurisdiction, filed against him/ her, he/ she must submit:
 - a. Complaint/ Information [Original or certified true copy of the court, prosecutor's office or agency concerned]; and
 - b. Certification as to the pendency and status of the case.

2) DECIDED CASE/S

- In cases where the applicant has case/s, of whatever nature decided before any jurisdiction, filed against him/ her, he/ she must submit:
 - a. Judgment/ Decision/ Order/ Resolution, whichever is applicable [Original or certified true copy of the court, prosecutor's office or agency concerned];
 - b. Entry of Judgment/ Certificate of Finality, whichever is applicable;
 - c. Clearance from the court, prosecutor's office or agency concerned.