

Apply for admission to the compulsory state examination in law studies

Would you like to apply for admission to the compulsory state examination?
Find out more here.

Competent Department

- [Justizprüfungsamt](#)

Basic information

The chairperson of the Judicial Examination Office will decide on your admission to the compulsory state examination upon application.

Requirements

Admission to the compulsory state examination requires that you

1. have studied law for at least 6 semesters, of which at least 4 semesters at a German university, of which at least 2 semesters at the Faculty of Law at the University of Bremen,
2. have attended courses in the compulsory subjects (core areas of civil law, criminal law, public law and European law including procedural law as well as basic legal history and legal theory subjects such as German legal history, Roman law, constitutional history of modern times, philosophy of law, sociology of law and legal methodology),
3. have completed the practical study periods totaling 13 weeks in accordance with the State Law on Legal Education - JAG,
4. have successfully participated in an advanced exercise in civil law, criminal law and public law,
5. have successfully participated in a seminar or an equivalent course in a basic subject,
6. have successfully attended a foreign-language law course or a law-oriented language course,
7. have passed the intermediate examination.

What documents do I need?

- Curriculum vitae
- Birth certificate
- Overview of the course of study

- Proof of participation in the practical study periods from the Judicial Examination Office
- Proof of successful participation in one exercise for advanced students in each of the following areas
 - Civil Law, Criminal Sciences/Criminal Law and Public Law (by submitting a Pabo data sheet)
- Proof of successful participation in a course with written work in a basic subject
 - (by submitting Pabo data sheet)
- Proof of successful participation in a foreign-language law course involving written work or in a law-related language course
 - (by submitting Pabo data sheet)
- Proof of participation in a course in which key qualifications have been taught
 - (by submitting Pabo data sheet)

Procedure

- The Bremen Judicial Examination Office checks the completeness of the documents to be submitted with the registration for the compulsory state examination.
- If the legal requirements are met, you will be admitted to the compulsory state examination.
- You will receive this in writing from the Bremen Judicial Examination Office.

Legal bases

- [§ 5 Deutsches Richtergesetz \(DRiG\)](#)
- [§ 5d Absatz 6 Deutsches Richtergesetz \(DRiG\)](#)
- [§ 5a Absatz 4 Deutsches Richtergesetz \(DRiG\)](#)
- [Bremisches Gesetz über die Juristenausbildung und die erste juristische Prüfung \(JAPG\)](#)

More information

Until admission, you can withdraw from the compulsory state examination without giving reasons. After admission, withdrawal is generally excluded.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The compulsory state examination is offered twice a year in Bremen (February and August). Please note the registration deadlines stated on the homepage of the Bremen Judicial Examination Office.

How long does it take to process

A processing time of up to 5 working days must be expected.

What are the costs?

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