

Apply to repeat the compulsory state examination

If you have successfully passed the state compulsory subject examination for the first time, you can repeat it once to improve your grade. Likewise, if you fail the state compulsory subject examination, you can repeat it once.

Competent Department

- [Justizprüfungsamt](#)

Basic information

If you meet the requirements, you can register for the improvement attempt. You can only register once to improve your grade and only the better result counts.

If you withdraw from the improvement attempt or fail the examination, your first certificate will remain valid.

Requirements

You have successfully passed the compulsory state examination on your first attempt or you failed the compulsory state examination no more than 2 years ago.

What documents do I need?

- Registration for a repeat examination or grade improvement is made with reference to the previous examination number.
- Please only submit additional documents if these are to prove a change compared to the first application (e.g. a change of name).

Procedure

After submitting an application, you will be admitted to the grade improvement or repeat examination and invited to take the written examination and, if you pass the written examination, the oral examination.

Legal bases

- [§ 5 Deutsches Richtergesetz \(DRiG\)](#)
- [§ 5d Absatz 5 Deutsches Richtergesetz \(DRiG\)](#)

- [Bremisches Gesetz über die Juristenausbildung und die erste juristische Prüfung \(JAPG\)](#)

More information

Please contact your personnel department if you intend to carry out the grade improvement attempt in whole or in part at the same time as starting the legal preparatory service.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

A repeat examination to improve the grade must be applied for no later than 2 months after the examination result has been announced.

Registration for a repeat examination after failing is only permitted within 2 years of the announcement of the result of the previous examination.

How long does it take to process

The average processing time is currently 5 working days.

What are the costs?

The re-examination under the new law is free of charge. In accordance with Section 27 (2) JAPG old version, a fee of 300 euros is charged for the grade improvement procedure, unless the state compulsory examination to be improved was passed as a free attempt.