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Law Firm - Apply for admission

Lawyers may also provide their legal services in the form of a limited liability company (Law Firm). This company must also be admitted by the Bar.

Prerequisites

- **Demands on society**
Pursuant to § 59d BRAO, the company must comply with the requirements under §§ 59c, 59e and 59f BRAO.
- **No forfeiture of assets**
Pursuant to § 59d no. 2 BRAO, the company must not be in a state of financial collapse.
- **Proof of professional liability insurance**
Proof of the conclusion of professional liability insurance pursuant to § 59j BRAO or the submission of a provisional confirmation of cover must be submitted.

Documents required

- **Application form**
A completed and signed application form (pre-printed form) must be submitted.
- **Proof of the articles of association**
A certified copy of the memorandum and articles of association must be submitted.
- **Proof of shareholder resolutions**
A copy of the shareholders' resolutions on the appointment of managing directors, authorised signatories and authorised agents shall be submitted.
- **Proof of professional liability insurance**
Proof of the conclusion of professional liability insurance pursuant to § 59j BRAO or the submission of a provisional confirmation of cover must be submitted. This can be submitted later, but must be available at the latest when the admission certificate is handed over.
- **Proof of payment of fees**
Proof of payment of fees must be submitted.

Forms

- **Application for admission of a law society**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder_pdfs_formulare/Formular_Ant rag_Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft.pdf)

Fees

767,00 EUR

Legal basis

- **Federal Lawyers' Act (BRAO)**
(<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/brao/BJNR005650959.html>)
- **Fee schedule of the Berlin Bar Association**

(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/rak_berlin_pdfs/GebOrdnung_RAK.pdf?m=1595924299&)

Average time to process request

Approx. 2 - 3 months

More information

- **Requirements for admission to the bar in Berlin**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder_pdfs_formulare/Formular_Antrag_Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft.pdf)
- **Sample for a limited company contract**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder_pdfs_formulare/Muster_GesellschaftsvertragRA_GmbH_010819.pdf)

Notes on responsibility

The Berlin Bar Association is responsible for the application for admission of a law firm.