

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE RWANDA BAR ASSOCIATION FOR NON RWANDANS

1. Application letter addressed to the President of the Rwanda Bar Association;
2. Curriculum Vitae;
3. Notarised copy of degree/s in law : Bachelors' degree in law) accompanied by the equivalence certificate issued by the Rwanda High Council of education testifying that the law degree/s acquired abroad are equivalent to a Law degree in accordance with the Rwanda academic Rules.
4. A post graduate diploma in Legal Practice issued by any recognized high academic Institution incharge of Legal Practice Training. If issued out of Rwanda, the same diploma must be accredited by the Rwanda High Council of Education for equivalence ;
5. Certificate of Identity (Or copy of passport) ;
6. The Criminal record certificate not exceeding three months at the date of application;
7. A proof of reciprocity (a binding document showing from the applicant jurisdiction testifying that a Rwandan citizen is eligible to practice in his/her country). However this requirement is not requested from the EAC lawyers that are registered with their respective Bar Associations/Law Societies.
8. A written statement by which the person concerned certifies that he/she:
 - a. is not performing any activities declared by law incompatible with the practice of the profession of Advocate, that his/her activity never led him/her to do an act which, if it was known, would prevent his/her enrollment;
 - b. has never, in Republic of Rwanda or abroad, been convicted of any disciplinary or criminal offence or that he/she has been pardoned or rehabilitated following such conviction;
8. One recent passport size photographs in colour on white background;
9. If the applicant is a practicing advocate in his/her home Country, he/she must present the letter of his/her Bar Association President/Law Society or his/her representative confirming the applicant membership status to his/her home Bar Association/Law Society.
10. Proof of payment of the costs of analysis of application file equivalent to **50,000 Rwandan Francs (approximately \$ 65)** payable at the Bank Account No: **00040 0693402 18 FRW/Rwanda Bar Association opened at BK (Bank of Kigali)/ SWIFT CODE: BKIGRWRW.**