LLM/Post J.D./Non J.D.
FAQ's
for Schools

Where can I find the application?
The application for schools seeking acquiescence for a new LLM, Post J.D., Non J.D. or other degree program is under Major Change Questionnaires on the Section’s Questionnaire page:

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/questionnaire.html

Click on the link for Degree Programs other than the J.D. Questionnaire.

Are there deadlines for LLM or other Non J.D. or Post J.D. applications?
Applications for non-J.D. programs are considered at Accreditation Committee meetings in September, November, January, April and June. The deadlines can be found at:

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/llm-degrees_post_j_d_non_j_d.html

What is required for the application?
As provided by Standard 105, before a school makes a major change in its program of legal education or organizational structure, it shall obtain the acquiescence of the Council. In addition to the application for acquiescence, the school must provide a letter from the dean of the law school certifying that the law school has completed all of the requirements for requesting acquiescence in a major change and that the law school has obtained the concurrence of the president in the application.

Are other items needed?
Yes, the Questionnaire requests additional items such as the Program Curriculum, Faculty Profile Summaries, the Director’s CV, and Faculty Minutes or final university action approving the program. Applications will not be forwarded to the Accreditation Committee until they are completed.

What is the cost?
Fees for applications for Acquiescence in Post- or Non-JD Programs can be found under Other Applications on the Law School Fee Schedule page and are due at the time of application.

If the school supplies the director’s name, the name of the program, e-mail and phone number, we can create an invoice. Electronic payments are accepted by the ABA once an invoice is issued to the institution.

Where should the application be sent?

Please submit the application, along with all documentation, to:

JR Clark  
American Bar Association  
Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar  
321 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60654-7598

Can the application be submitted electronically?

Yes, the application and accompanying materials may be initially submitted to JR Clark at jr.clark@americanbar.org with a hard copy to follow by mail as provided above.

How long after the Accreditation Committee’s review and consideration of the proposed program will the school be notified of a decision?

The law school will receive written notification of the Accreditation Committee’s decision whether or not to grant acquiescence within 2-3 weeks following the meeting.

How do I make changes to an existing LLM or other Non-J.D. program?

Applications for changes to an existing Post-J.D. or other Non-J.D. degree program is under Major Change Questionnaires on the Section’s Questionnaire page:

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Click on the link for Change in Programs other than the J.D. Application.