

Information for applicants for admission on 6 April 2020

1. Public health advice permitting, admissions will proceed on Monday 6 April 2020.
2. All applicants other than those whose application is listed in the last session of the day will appear in their assigned sessions without movers (legal representatives) and without anyone else in attendance. No one else will be admitted to the court room, and all applicants are asked not to bring family or friends into the Banco Court precinct.

Applicants receiving unqualified certificates from the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board

3. The Chief Justice will ask each applicant by name whether they apply for admission as a legal practitioner. You need only stand and say "Yes".
4. The Chief Justice will list the names of the applicants and on behalf of the court pronounce their admissions as practitioners of the State of Queensland. The applicants will then take the usual oath or affirmation.
5. The court will then adjourn and the applicants will proceed outside to sign the roll. You may wish to bring your own pen for that purpose, and it is strongly suggested that you take the opportunity to wash your hands before and after signing the roll.

Applicants receiving qualified certificates from the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board

6. Applicants receiving qualified certificates must file submissions by close of business on Thursday 2 April as to why they should be found fit and proper persons for admission as legal practitioners.
7. The Court of Appeal will meet on Friday 3 April to consider those applications on the papers. Those applicants will be advised whether a favourable finding has been made by close of business on that day.
8. Admissions for those applicants who hold qualified certificates and who have been advised of a favourable finding by the court will proceed as for holders of unqualified certificates, with the exception that the court will pronounce the finding of fitness and propriety as well as pronouncing the admission of the named applicants.
9. Any applicant who has been advised that no favourable finding has been made may apply by email to the Chief Justice's associate at Associate.HolmesCJ@courts.qld.gov.au by 11 am on Monday 6 April 2020 for adjournment of their application, which will be granted without the need for appearance provided the email is received by that time. Before adjourning for the day on 6 April, the court *may* indicate in respect of particular applicants without a favourable finding whose applications have been adjourned what matters require addressing before their application is brought on again. If that occurs, you will be advised accordingly by the Board.
10. Applicants without a favourable finding who wish to proceed will have their applications listed in the final session on 6 April and may appear with legal representatives (but not family or friends). The court will decide whether the matter can be heard or should be adjourned.

Applicants whose admission is opposed by the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board

11. Applicants whose admission is opposed by the Board must, if they wish to proceed rather than adjourn, file submissions by close of business on Thursday 2 April as to why they should be found fit and proper persons for admission as legal practitioners.
12. Applicants whose admission is opposed but who wish to proceed will have their applications listed in the final session on 6 April and may appear with legal representatives (but not family or friends). The court will decide whether the matter can be heard or should be adjourned.

Adjournment

Any applicant not wishing to be admitted under those conditions may apply for adjournment of their application to a date to be fixed after the constraints created by the COVID-19 pandemic have ceased.

Chief Justice