



Review Revise Re-energize

**How law is reinvigorating its
international credential evaluation
processes**



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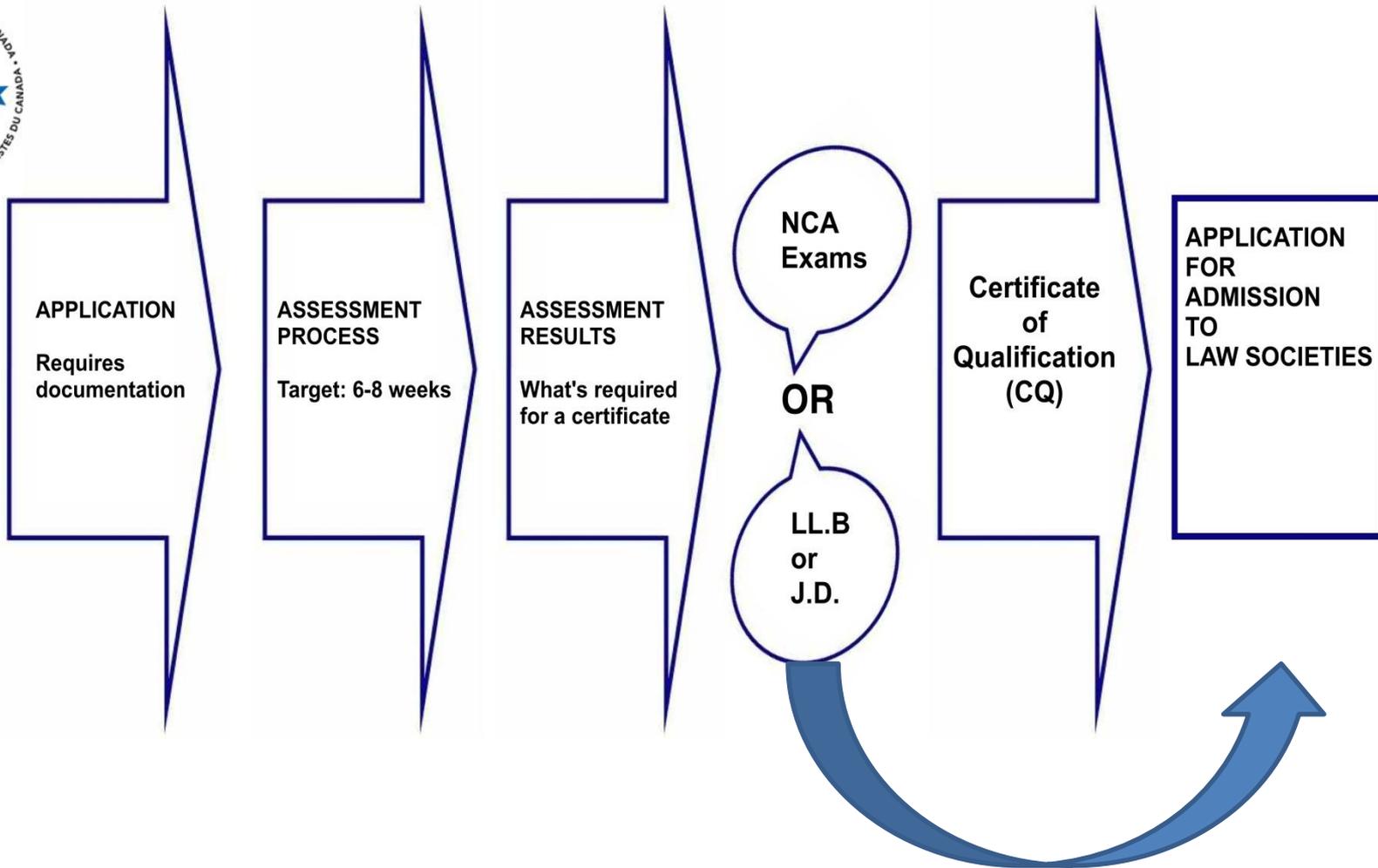
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WHY conduct a credentialing system review?

- **Growing concern that NCA Certificate holders are not succeeding in bar admissions at the expected level.**
- **Recognized need to revisit the assessment approach and policies**



HOW a credentialling system review can be conducted

- **Governance**
- **The standard against which candidates are assessed**
- **Training and preparation of candidates**
- **Appropriate testing mechanisms**
- **Operations**



WHAT we found:

- **28 recommendations in seven areas**
- **The final report was delivered in April 2017, presented to Council in June 2017**
- **Implementation planning is underway along with consultation with the regulators**



WHAT we found:

(implementation update)

- **New interactive website**
- **Gap analysis planning to lay groundwork for developing a competency-based assessment system**
- **Governance improvements**
- **Planning for data collection and analysis**



SO WHAT: What we learned

- **Engaging the right consultants is key to a successful project**
- **Gap analysis planning to lay groundwork for developing a competency-based assessment system**
- **National bodies must be responsive to their members, the regulators**
- **A system can be run in an “exemplary fashion” but still need fundamental fixes to governance, policy, operations**



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