

ORDER N° **686** DPJ/SG/MJ of **06 JAN 2020**

To fix the conditions for the Organization, Date and Center
of the 2020 Session of the Final Bar Examination.

THE MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, KEEPER OF THE SEALS,

- MINDFUL OF the constitution;
- MINDFUL OF Law N°90/059 of 19th December 1990 to organize practice at the Bar;
- MINDFUL OF Decree N°95/033 of 20th February 1995 to organize the Final Bar Examination;
- MINDFUL OF Decree N°2011/408 of 09th December 2011 to organize the Government as amended by Decrees No.2018/190 of 2nd March 2018 and No.2019/001 of 4th January 2019 to organize the Government;
- MINDFUL OF Decree No. 2011/410 of 09th December 2011 to form the Government, as amended by Decrees No. 2015/434 of 2nd October 2015, No. 2018/191 of 2nd March 2018 and No. 2019/002 of 4th January 2019 to reshuffle the Government;
- MINDFUL OF Decree N°2012/389 of 18th September 2012 Organising the Ministry of Justice;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISION

Article 1 - : The 2020 session of the Final Bar Examination shall be organized in Yaounde on Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th March 2020 as it concerns the written examination and from Monday the 16th March 2020 as it concerns the oral.

CHAPTER II: CANDIDACY

Article 2 : Candidates shall fulfill the following conditions;

- be of Cameroonian Nationality ;
- enjoy their civic rights ;
- be not less than **23 years old** on the date of the examination ;
- be of good conduct and must not have been dismissed from a public office or position in a public corporation, dismissed as officer of the court, or have been

struck off the roll of pupil advocates or practising lawyers because of acts contrary to probity; and

- must have undergone training two (02) years from the date of taking the oath as advocate-in-training.

Article 3: candidates files shall comprise:

- a stamped application;
- a receipt of payment of the Examination fee of twenty thousand (20,000) CFA francs into account No. 10001 06865 30508 065001-13 BICEC, at S.N.I. - Yaounde;
- a certificate of nationality;
- a certified true copy of birth certificate;
- A certificate of non-conviction (criminal Record Bulletin No3) of not more than three months old;
- an end of training attestation issued by the training master, failing that, by the President of the Bar Council, if applicable.

Article 4: Candidates shall compile two (2) files. The one addressed to the Minister of State, Minister of Justice, Keeper of the Seals and the other to the Cameroon Bar Council, P.O.BOX 13 488 Yaoundé, not later than **13th February 2020 at 3.30 p.m. prompt.**

CHAPTER III: EXAMINATION COMMISSION

Article 5: The final Bar Examination shall be conducted by an Examination Commission, composed of one (01) Jury and one (01) Secretariat, the members of which shall be appointed by Order of the Minister in charge of Justice.

Article 6: (1) The Jury comprises of:

- **Chair:** The President of the Bar Council or his Representative.
- **Members :**
 - Two (02) Judicial and Legal Officers ;
 - Two (02) University Lecturers with rank of professors in Universities in Cameroon;
 - Two (02) Lawyers entered on the roll of practising lawyers in the Cameroon Bar Association who took the oath at least ten (10) years ago;

(2) The members of the Jury shall designate one of its members as "Rapporteur"

(3) The Jury may not validly deliberate only if at **least five (5)** of its members are present. Where the Chair of the Jury is unavoidably absent after the start of the Examination, he shall be replaced by the oldest member.

(4) The Jury shall oversee invigilate in examination halls, writing of the examination, ensure marking examination scripts; conduct the oral examination, deliberate, and draw up a report of the said deliberations.

(5) The Jury shall deposit the report of their deliberations and copies of the scripts in the Office of the Minister of Justice in the presence of the Head of the Secretariat.

Article 7: (1) The Secretariat shall comprise:

-**Head:** a representative of the Minister of Justice.

Members: two (02) Lawyers entered on the roll of Bar Association.

(2) The Examination Secretariat shall be in charge of:

- preparing examinations halls;
- identifying candidates before the beginning of each paper;
- distributing examination material;
- codifying and handing over script to the Jury for marking;
- entering marks on mark sheets.

Article 8: If need be, the Minister of Justice may, by decision, add to the Examination Commission, any person who is able to ensure supervision in the examination halls, mark the written examination and conduct the oral examination.

CHAPTER IV: CONDUCT OF THE EXAMINATION.

Article 9: (1) The Bar Examination shall consist of FOUR (04) written paper and an oral paper.

(2) Each paper shall be graded of a score ranging from 0 to 20, and allotted a coefficient.

(3) The final score on 20 shall be obtained by tallying the mark for each paper and dividing same by the total coefficients of all the subjects.

(4) Candidates who score at least 12 on 20 shall be declared successful.

Article 10: (1) The written examination that will be organized at the National School of Administration and Magistracy shall comprise:

- general knowledge paper;
- three (03) Professional paper comprising:
 - a commentary on a judgment or a court ruling;
 - a Legal consultation;
 - a legal drafting (Pleadings)

(2) Each written paper shall last FOUR (04) each.

(3) The general knowledge shall be allotted coefficient **TWO (02)** and the professional papers coefficient three (03) each.

Article 11: (1) The oral examination shall consist of a fifteen (15) minutes interview with the Jury on the following subjects:

- Statute, and the Internal Rules and Regulations of the Bar;
- Rules and regulations governing the judicial and Legal Service;
- Rules and regulations governing Notaries Public and sheriff Bailiffs;
- organization of the Judiciary of Cameroon;
- procedure and functioning of the Supreme Court;
- organization of Military Justice;
- legal Aid;
- Nationality and
- current events and general knowledge.

(2) The oral examination shall be allotted coefficient **TWO (02)**.

CHAPTER V: FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 12: The Director of Judicial Professions, the President of the Bar Council of Cameroon, are each in his own sphere, responsible for the enforcement of this order which shall be registered and published in accordance with the procedure of urgency, and inserted in the Official gazette in English and French.

YAOUNDE, the 06 JAN 2020

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