

applicant's needs. It is important to recognize, however, that accommodation needs can change over time and in different settings.

IV. Documentation Must Be Current

The provision of reasonable accommodations is based upon clear evidence of the current impact of the disability on a major life activity that affects the applicant's ability to take the D.C. BAR EXAM under standard conditions. Some visual conditions are of a permanent or unchanging nature. In such cases, a simple statement

from the optometrist or ophthalmologist of the diagnosis and the functional limitations might suffice.

Because of the changing manifestations of many visual conditions, however, a diagnostic evaluation completed within the past three years is typically necessary. If the diagnostic report is more than three years old, the applicant should submit a letter from a qualified professional that provides an update of the diagnosis, a description of the severity of the functional impact of the disability on reading as well as on other major life activities, and a rationale for each requested accommodation. The nature, severity, and extent of the applicant's condition and the functional limitations as they relate to taking the D.C. BAR EXAM, or a similar test, must be addressed.

The recommended accommodations should not be supported solely by a history of prior accommodations or self-report. If applicable, the qualified professional may simply address why older documentation continues to be relevant.

Request for District of Columbia Bar Examination

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