

**BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONS CODE
§ 6450 (IN PART)**

A paralegal shall possess at least one of the following:

(1) A certificate of completion of a paralegal program approved by the American Bar Association.

(2) A certificate of completion of a paralegal program...that has been accredited by a national or regional accrediting organization or approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

(3) A baccalaureate degree... in any subject, a minimum of one year of law-related experience under the supervision of an attorney...and a written declaration from this attorney stating that the person is qualified to perform paralegal tasks.

(4) A high school diploma or general equivalency diploma, a minimum of three years of law-related experience under the supervision of an attorney... and a written declaration from this attorney stating that the person is qualified to perform paralegal tasks. This experience and training shall be completed no later than December 31, 2003.

Continuing Education Requirements: From January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2008 (and for every 2-year period thereafter), paralegals must complete 4 hours in legal ethics and 4 hours in general or specialised law.

(For more information visit <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html> and look up B&P Code § 6450)



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SBPA

The Santa Barbara Paralegal Association (SBPA) was formed in 1979 as a nonprofit organization to promote the paralegal profession, to develop a network for the exchange of information and ideas, to encourage greater utilization of paralegals by the legal community, and to increase public awareness and understanding of the paralegal profession. SBPA is an affiliated association of the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) and the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations (CAPA).





MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Opportunities for networking, continuing education programs, employment, and personal professional growth
- Notice of general membership meetings held during lunch at reduced prices
- Voluntary professional involvement in the Santa Barbara Paralegal Association as a board or committee member to contribute to the development, growth, and strengthening of the paralegal profession; Scholarship opportunity
- Updates on news, laws, educational requirements, access to the CAPA resource directory
- Affiliate membership in California Alliance of Paralegal Associations (CAPA). CAPA offers several insurance, financial and related services through approved benefit providers. <http://www.caparalegal.org/index.html>
- Waiver of the initiation fee if you decide to become a NALA member. SBPA, as an affiliated association, has free access to NALA NET for the most current information and case decisions affecting legal assistants. <http://www.nala.org/>

MEMBERSHIP / CONTACT

Membership is available to: (a) legal assistants; (b) students in the legal assistant courses; and (c) attorneys, legal assistant educators and other members of the community who endorse the legal assistant profession (Associate Members).

Annual dues are set forth below:

Active membership.....	\$60.00
Student membership.....	\$40.00
Associate membership.....	\$60.00

(Fees for applications received after 11/1/08 are increased by \$5.)

To sign up, please access our website at <http://www.sbparalegals.org/> and download the membership renewal form located under Membership Info. Please mail a check and your membership renewal form to:

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OUR MISSION

- To establish good fellowship among Association members, The National Association of Legal Assistants, The California Alliance of of Paralegal Associations, and members of the legal community.
- To encourage a high order of ethical and professional attainment.
- To further education among members of the paralegal profession and to cooperate with bar associations.
- To support and carry out the programs, purposes, aims and goals of The National Association of Legal Assistants and the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations.

The organization was formed in order to encourage and formalize continuing education and the exchange of ideas among persons in the paralegal profession, to encourage newcomers to the field, and to establish and continue good professional relationships between paralegals and other members of the legal community.