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Bar Admission Agency

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Character & Fitness Investigations

This jurisdiction does not use NCBE's character and fitness services; please contact Wisconsin for filing instructions.

MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required No

Bar Exam Eligibility, Deadlines, and Fees

ABA-Approved Law School J.D. Required No

Domestic Legal Education

Is eligibility to take the bar exam limited to JD or LLB graduates of ABA-approved law schools? No

If eligibility to take the bar exam is not limited to JD or LLB graduates of ABA-approved law schools, what other means of domestic legal study are permitted for bar exam applicants?

Non-ABA-approved out-of-state law school

Additional requirements Bar admission in another state

Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility Yes

Foreign Legal Education

Are graduates of foreign law schools eligible for admission by examination? Yes

If graduates of foreign law schools are eligible for admission by examination, what additional requirements pertain?

Legal education in English common law, additional education at an ABA-approved law school, practice of law in foreign jurisdiction, determination of educational equivalency

If a foreign law school graduate obtains an LLM or other graduate law degree from an ABA-approved law school, is the graduate then eligible to take the bar exam on this basis alone?

Yes

Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) \$450 / \$850

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Fee for laptops, if permitted \$125

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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score No

Accepts NextGen UBE Score No

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement No

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores Yes

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions-MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, and Attorneys' Exams

Minimum passing MPRE score MPRE not required

Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must be earned or achieved? MPRE not required

Are MBE scores accepted for transfer from other jurisdictions? Yes

Is an Attorneys' Exam offered? No

To qualify for the Attorneys' Exam, must an applicant be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school? —

Attorneys' Exam fee -

Bar Exam

Legacy UBE No

NextGen UBE No

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam Yes

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) Yes

Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) Yes

Multistate Performance Test (MPT) Yes

Jurisdiction-drafted exam (essay, multiple-choice, or performance test) $\ \mbox{\bf Yes}$

How many times may an applicant take the exam without special permission? no limit

Minimum Passing Score 258

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Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Grading and Scoring

Average grading/reporting period (February/July exams) both 6 weeks

Are both the MBE and a written component administered? Yes

Is the written component scaled to the MBE? Yes

Are the MBE and written component scores combined? Yes

% MBE weight (of combined score) 50

% MEE and/or local essay weight (of combined score) —

% MPT and/or local PT weight (of combined score) —

% Local component weight (of combined score) —

Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on reported score scale 258

Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on 200-point scale 129

MPRE minimum passing standard (on scale of 50 to 150) —

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Admission on Motion

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion Yes

Admission on Motion—Years of Practice and Definition of Practice

Do the rules provide for admission on motion? Yes

What is the number of years of practice required for admission on motion? 3 of past 5

What does the definition of practice for purposes of admission on motion include?

Law teaching, gov't agency, military, in-house corporate, judicial court of record

Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? (MPRE not required)

Admission on motion fee \$850

Legal Education and Reciprocity Requirements

Admission on Motion—Legal Education and Reciprocity Requirements

Must an applicant for admission on motion be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school? No

Is admission on motion based on reciprocity (that is, is it limited to candidates from some or all jurisdictions offering admission on motion)? **No**Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? **Yes**

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