

Esquire Bound

Your Checklist for Admission to Practice and Bar Exam Success

Admission to Practice: Other Requirements

September 29, 2024

What else do I need to become a licensed attorney?

(Everything but the bar exam)

IT DEPENDS

(on the jurisdiction)

Admission by Examination

For applicants to be admitted to practice by examination, applicants must:

- ~~Submit the necessary~~
application form(s)
and fee(s) to the jurisdiction
- ~~Sit for and take the~~ **bar exam**
~~in that jurisdiction~~
- Satisfy the jurisdiction's
character and fitness and
other admission
requirements (e.g.: MPRE)
- Complete any **jurisdiction-**
specific law component(s)
required

Character & Fitness

Overview of Character & Fitness

- Demonstration of character and fitness is among the essential elements required for bar admission
- Background investigations are part of the admission process for all jurisdictions
- Requirements, deadlines, and processing times vary among jurisdictions
- Primary purpose: to protect the public
- Onus is on applicant to prove good moral character
- Candor is paramount

What can I do now?

- Familiarize yourself with the character & fitness questions for the jurisdiction(s) in which you wish to be admitted to the bar
 - Get a sense of what type of supporting documents you may need
- Start compiling address history and employment history
 - Go back as far as the jurisdiction that requires the longest history
 - E.g.: PA (5 years) and NJ (10 years) – compile 10-year history now
- If you think you need to amend your law school application, do so now!

Character & Fitness: Relevant Links

- [PA Bar Exam Character & Fitness](#)
- [NJ Bar Exam Character & Fitness](#)
- [DE Bar Exam Character & Fitness Guidelines](#)
- [NY Application for Admission](#)
- [NCBE Character & Fitness](#)
 - [Sample NCBE Character & Fitness Application](#)

Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE)

MPRE Basics

- Two-hour, 60-question multiple choice exam
- Tests knowledge and understanding of established standards related to the professional conduct of lawyers
 - Does not test personal ethics
 - Not just "common sense"
- Required by all but two jurisdictions
 - Not required in Wisconsin or Puerto Rico
 - Connecticut and New Jersey will accept successful completion of law school course on professional responsibility in lieu of MPRE score
- Each jurisdiction sets their passing score and time limitations (if any)

2024 MPRE Dates, Deadlines, and Fees

2024 Test Dates

TEST ADMINISTRATION	RECOMMENDED SUBMISSION DATE TO APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATIONS	REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEE: \$160
November 7 or 8, 2024	July 24, 2024	September 18, 2024

2025 Test Dates

Registration for the March 2025 MPRE is open. Registration for the August and November 2025 administrations opens December 10, 2024.

TEST ADMINISTRATION	RECOMMENDED SUBMISSION DATE TO APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATIONS	REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEE: \$160
March 26 or 27, 2025	December 4, 2024	January 23, 2025
August 20 or 21, 2025	April 30, 2025	June 18, 2025
November 13 or 14, 2025	July 30, 2025	September 25, 2025

MPRE Registration Process: 2-Step

- Step 1: Register through NCBE
 - [Create an NCBE Account](#) (if you haven't done so already)
 - If needed, [apply for MPRE Testing Accommodations](#)
 - [Register for the MPRE](#) through your NCBE Account
- Step 2: Schedule test through Pearson VUE
 - Receive Authorization to Test email from Pearson VUE
 - Schedule test and pay fee through Pearson VUE within 48 hours of receiving email and before registration deadline
 - Early is best! Waiting to schedule your test closer to the registration deadline may result in fewer local testing sites available

When should I take the MPRE? Things to Consider

- Offered 3 times per year: March, August, and November
- Does your jurisdiction have certain time limitations?
 - Do you need to take the MPRE before you apply for the Bar Exam?
 - Is there an expiration on your score?
- Have you taken Professional Responsibility yet?
- When do you plan on taking the bar exam?
- Do I need to be admitted to practice immediately?

How do I prepare for the MPRE?

- NCBE Resources
 - [MPRE Subject Matter Outline](#)
 - [MPRE Key Words & Phrases](#)
 - [MPRE Free Sample Test Questions](#)
- Free prep courses through commercial bar prep companies
 - Opportunity to try different platforms to see what courses you may prefer for bar prep
 - e.g.: [Barbri](#), [Helix](#), [Kaplan](#), [Quimbee](#), [Themis](#)
- Supplemental Practice Materials/Tests
 - Use NCBE licensed questions when possible!
 - May require an additional fee
 - [NCBE Study Aids for Purchase](#)

How do I send my MPRE score to the BOLE?

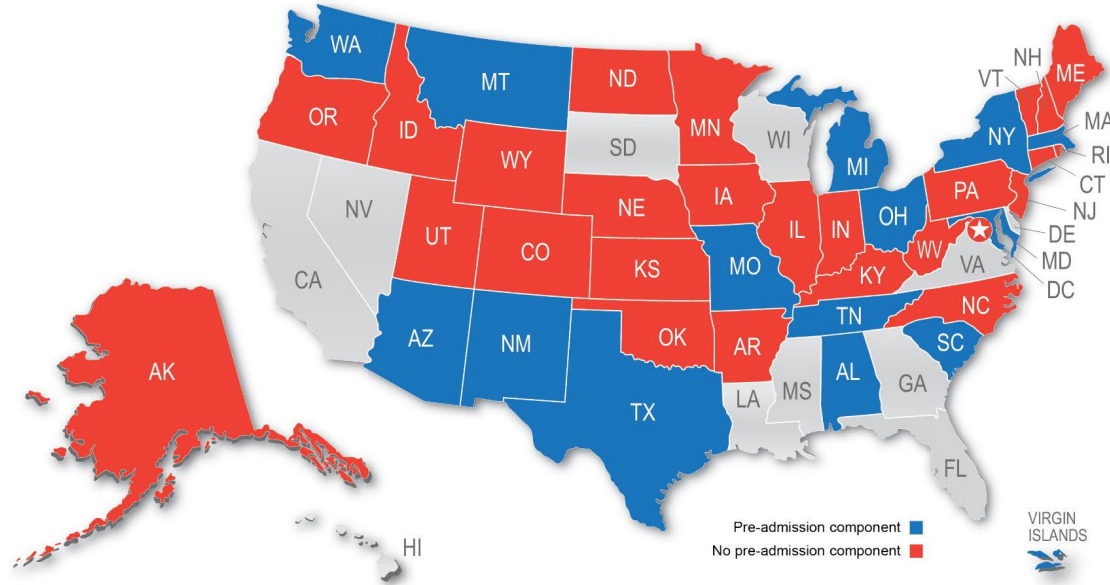
- When you register for the MPRE, you will be asked to indicate the jurisdiction to which you want your score reported. NCBE will report your MPRE score to that jurisdiction about 5 weeks after the exam.
 - If you recently registered for or took the MPRE, you can see the jurisdiction you selected by viewing the Summary of Request for Test Authorization in your [NCBE Account File Cabinet](#)
- If you want your MPRE score reported to additional jurisdictions, you must submit a request to NCBE for an MPRE Score Report through your NCBE Account.
 - As of September 2024, the NCBE Score Services Fee is \$30

Jurisdiction-Specific Law Component

Jurisdiction-Specific Law

- UBE jurisdictions may require completion of a course, test, or some combination separate from the UBE
- Completion may be required before admission or within a certain amount of time after admission.
- Jurisdiction-specific components typically require for all candidates regardless of whether testing or transferring UBE score

UBE Pre-Admission Jurisdiction-Specific Law Components



Pre-admission component:

Alabama, Arizona, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virgin Islands, Washington

No pre-admission component:

Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming

UBE Pre-Admission Jurisdiction-Specific Law Components

Live Course	Online Course	Online open-book multiple-choice test
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alabama• Arizona• Michigan• Montana• New York• South Carolina• Tennessee• Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maryland• Massachusetts• Missouri• New York• Ohio• Virgin Islands• Washington

Fall 2024 Esquire Bound Series Events

- ~~September 15th: Admission to Practice: Overview of the Bar Exam~~
- ~~September 29th: Admission to Practice: Other Requirements~~
- **October 13th: Planning for the Bar Exam: Courses, Schedules, and More**
- **November 10th: Tools to Tackle the Bar Exam: Essential Study Tools and Resources**

