

BAR EXAMINATION APPLICATION INFORMATION

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KANSAS (<https://www.kscourts.org/Attorneys/Admission>)

Deadlines and fees:

- For July examination, applications are due by March 1 (\$700 fee) or April 1 (+ \$200 late fee)
- For February examination, applications are due by October 1 (\$700 fee) or November 1 (+ \$200 late fee)

Applications:

- Admission by Written Examination application available at <https://www.kscourts.org/KSCourts/media/KsCourts/Attorney%20Admissions/ApplicationByWrittenExamination.pdf>
- Admission by UBE Score Transfer from Another Jurisdiction: \$1250 fee; score transfer application available at: <https://www.kscourts.org/KSCourts/media/KsCourts/Attorney%20Admissions/ApplicationByUBEScore.pdf>

MISSOURI (<https://www.mble.org/home>)

Deadlines and fees:

- For July examination, applications are due by March 1 (\$910 fee), April 1 (\$1035 fee), May 1 (\$1215 fee), or May 31 (\$1470 fee)
- For February examination, applications are due by October 1 (\$910 fee), November 1 (\$1035 fee), December 1 (\$1215 fee) or December 31 (\$1470 fee)

Applications:

- To sit for the bar exam, you must first register at: <https://www.mble.org/home>; then complete the online application at: <https://www.mble.org/information-and-applications> (complete both the bar application and character and fitness application)
- UBE Score Transfer from Another Jurisdiction: \$1240 fee; score transfer information/application available at: <https://www.mble.org/information-and-applications>

COLORADO (<http://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/Future%20Lawyers/Overview.asp>)

Deadlines and fees:

- For July examination, applications are due by April 1 (\$710 fee) or May 1 (+ \$200 late fee)
- For February examination, applications are due by November 1 or December 1 (+ \$200 late fee)

Applications:

- Online examination registration/application available at: <http://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/Future%20Lawyers/BarExamination.asp>
- Admission by UBE Score Transfer from Another Jurisdiction: \$810 fee; score transfer information/application available at: <http://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/Future%20Lawyers/UBEScore.asp>

TEXAS (<https://ble.texas.gov>)

Deadlines and fees:

- For July examination, applications are due by February 1 (\$490), April 1 (+ \$150 late fee), or May 1 (+ \$300 late fee)
- For February examination, applications are due by September 1 (\$490), November 1 (+ \$150 late fee), or December 1 (+ \$300 late fee)

Applications:

- To register, you must first create an ATLAS account: <https://ble.texas.gov/registration> and then complete the appropriate online application: <https://ble.texas.gov/information-and-applications>

ALL OTHER STATES – National Conference of Bar Examiners Website – (interactive map provides info re: each state's requirements and deadlines and a link to state bar website) <http://www.ncbex.org/jurisdiction-information/>

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Uniform Bar Examination (UBE)

38 jurisdictions, including Kansas, Missouri, and Colorado have adopted the UBE, which allows for easy portability and bar admission in multiple states based upon one examination. Texas will administer the UBE for the first time in February 2021.

Each UBE jurisdiction is allowed to set its own score necessary for admission and each jurisdiction is allowed to set its own time limit for accepting a UBE score (for example, some states will only accept a score that is less than 2 years old). <http://www.ncbex.org/exams/ube/score-portability/maximum-score-age/>

UBE jurisdictions and minimum scores: Alabama (260); Alaska (280); Arizona (273); Arkansas (270); Colorado (276); Connecticut (266); District of Columbia (266); Idaho (272); Illinois (266); Iowa (266); Kansas (266); Kentucky (266, eff. Feb. 2021) Maine (270); Maryland (266); Massachusetts (270); Minnesota (260); Missouri (260); Montana (266); Nebraska (270); New Hampshire (270); New Jersey (266); New Mexico (260); New York (266); North Carolina (270); North Dakota (260); Ohio (270); Oklahoma (264, eff. July 2021); Oregon (274); Rhode Island (276); South Carolina (266); Tennessee (270); Texas (270, eff. Feb. 2021); Utah (270); Vermont (270); Washington (270); West Virginia (270); Wyoming (270); U.S. Virgin Islands (266).

Many states, including Colorado, New York, and Missouri, also require a **state-specific component** before admission. For more information, visit <http://www.ncbex.org/exams/ube/score-portability/local-components/>.

All states also require character and fitness certification and a certain score on the MPRE. It may take as long as 3-4 months for admission based upon a transferred UBE score. **Note:** Under both the Kansas and Missouri UBE score transfer rules, you can apply to sit for the bar examination in a different UBE state **and** apply to transfer that UBE score to Kansas or Missouri simultaneously before you actually sit for the bar exam and earn the UBE score. The benefit is that you could be licensed in both states immediately after receiving your UBE score without having to wait for the second state to conduct its independent character & fitness investigation. The drawback is if you do not receive the score that would allow for admission to Kansas or Missouri, you've forfeited the \$1250 or \$1240 application fee. A few other jurisdictions also allow for admission by transferring an as yet unearned score – talk to Tammy King in the PDO for more information.

Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)

- Required for admission to the bar in all US jurisdictions **except** Wisconsin and Puerto Rico
- Offered each March, August, and October but registration deadlines are roughly 1 ½ to 2 months prior to the exam date. *If you need test accommodations*, register **well in advance** of the registration deadline.
- To register, visit <http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/registration/>
- The MPRE is a computer-based examination offered at Pearson VUE testing center locations. Register early to ensure that you receive your preferred testing location, as space may fill up at individual locations.
- Missouri and Kansas require an MPRE score of 80; Colorado and Texas require an 85
- Check your jurisdiction's rules regarding timing of MPRE passing score requirements – some states require that you have a passing score on file at the time of your bar application or you must pay a late fee. **Kansas** requires receipt of a passing score *prior to sitting for the bar examination*. **Missouri**, **Colorado**, and **Texas** all allow you to take the MPRE for various lengths of time after the bar exam; *however*, you cannot be admitted to practice until you receive a passing MPRE score.
- Take the MPRE well before you plan to sit for the bar examination in order to retake the MPRE if necessary to achieve the required score. Ideally, take the MPRE as soon as possible after taking Professional Responsibility. **Note:** Colorado and Texas will not accept MPRE scores that are more than 2 years old.