

BAR EXAMINATION APPLICATION INFORMATION

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KANSAS (<http://www.kscourts.org/appellate-clerk/Board-of-Law-Examiners/>)

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:

- Examination application available at <http://www.kscourts.org/appellate-clerk/Board-of-Law-Examiners/PDF/ApplicationByWrittenExamination.pdf>
- UBE Score Transfer from Another Jurisdiction: \$1250 fee; score transfer application available at: http://www.kscourts.org/appellate-clerk/Board-of-Law-Examiners/PDF/709A_application.pdf

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

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/displayregister.action>; then complete the online application at: <https://www.mble.org/information-and-applications>
- 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>)

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>
- 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)

34 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.

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). All states also require character and fitness certification and a certain score on the MPRE.

Note: It may take as long as 3-4 months for admission based upon a transferred UBE score. Some states, such as Colorado, New York, and Missouri also **require a state-specific component before admission**. For more information, visit <http://www.ncbex.org/exams/ube/>.

UBE jurisdictions and minimum scores: Alabama (260); Alaska (280); Arizona (273); Colorado (276); Connecticut (266); D.C. (266); Idaho (272); Illinois (266, eff. July 2019); Iowa (266); Kansas (266); Maine (276); Maryland (TBD); 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, eff. Feb. 2019); North Dakota (260); Ohio (TBD, eff. July 2020); Oregon (274); Rhode Island (276, eff. Feb. 2019); South Carolina (266); Tennessee (TBD, eff. Feb. 2019); Utah (270); Vermont (270); Washington (270); West Virginia (270); Wyoming (270); U.S. Virgin Islands (266).

Note: Under the Kansas UBE score transfer rule, you can apply to sit for the bar examination in Missouri (or another UBE state) **and** apply to transfer that UBE score to Kansas simultaneously. The benefit is that you could potentially be licensed in both states immediately after receiving your UBE score. The drawback is if you do not receive the score that would allow for admission to Kansas, you've forfeited the \$1250 application fee. This score transfer **does not** work in reverse – you cannot apply to sit for the bar examination in Kansas and simultaneously apply to transfer the UBE score from that test administration to other UBE jurisdictions.

Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)

- Required for admission to the bar in all US jurisdictions **except** Maryland, Wisconsin, and Puerto Rico
- Offered each March, August, and November but registration deadlines are roughly 1 ½ to 2 months prior to exam date.
- To register, visit <http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/registration/>
- 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.