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	Grading System	Passing Rate	MPRE Passing Score	Must Take MPRE in State	Must Take MBE in State	Bar Exam Fee for First Time Exam-Takers
<b>Alaska</b>	Essay converted to MBE scale using standard deviation method. Essay and MBE are then added together and divided by 2. Combined score of 140 or more is passing.	71%	80	No	Yes	\$800
<b>Arizona</b>	Essay scaled to MBE and doubled, plus MBE score. Out of possible 600, must score 410 to pass.	67%	85	No	No	\$350 + other fees
<b>California</b>	Applicant can earn up to 100 raw points on each of 6 essays and 200 raw points on each PT. Scaled MBE scores reported on 2000-point scale and scores on written portion are scaled to MBE. Written portion is 65% of total, MBE is 35% of total, passing score is a final total scaled score of 1440. Effective Jan 1, 2008, MPRE score will be 86.B9	54%	79	No	Yes	\$464 + \$378 moral character determination + \$76 law student registration fee + other fees
<b>Washington D.C.</b>	Combined score of 266 is passing; score of 133 on MBE or essay indicative of passing that portion.	75%	75	No	No	\$100 + \$40 (MEE + MPT) + \$45 (MBE)
<b>Florida</b>	Combined score of 136 is required.	66%	80	No	Yes	\$875 + \$75-\$500 law student registration fee

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<b>Georgia</b>	Need a combined score of 270 to pass; minimum of 115 on MBE portion.	78%	75	No	Yes	\$300+ \$75 examiner's fee + \$45 MBE exam
<b>Illinois</b>	Combined scaled score of 264 points out of possible 400 total scaled points.	80%	80	No	Yes- unless MBE taken with previously passed bar exam.	\$100 law student registration + <u>250</u>
<b>Maryland</b>	Essay converted to MBE scale using standard deviation method. Total score = essay scaled score x 2 + MBE scaled score. A total scaled score of 406 or higher is required to pass.	64%	N/A	N/A	No	\$150 + \$175 registration fee
<b>Minnesota</b>	6 essays (weighted 37.5%) and 1 MPT (weighted 12.5%) are scaled to the MBE scale score (weighted 50%) using the standard deviation method. Scaled scores are combined; minimum passing score required is 260 out of possible 400 scaled points.	69%	85	No	No	\$400
<b>New York</b>	Combined MBE/Essay - 665+B18 out of 1000 points. MPRE scaled score of 72 required of applicant who took the MPRE prior to 2002.	67%	85	No	No	\$250
<b>Texas</b>	Exam consists of 4 portion weighted as follows: (MBEx2) + (scaled TX essays x 2) + (scaled Procedure & Evidence x 1/2) + (scaled MPT x 1/2). A minimum combined scaled score of 675 out of 1000 required to pass.	64%	85	No	Yes	\$415
<b>Virginia</b>	Combined MBE/Essay - MBE scaled score counts for 40%; essay score counts for 60%. Passing score determined for each exam.	77%	85	No	Yes	\$275 + \$175 character & fitness certification fee
<b>Washington</b>	Combined score of at least 126 on the substantive portion and 42 on the professional responsibility portion. Essay= 70%	77%	N/A	N/A	Yes	\$375
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Essay scaled to MBE. Applicants must achieve a scaled score of 129 on the essay and a total score of 258 (essay + MBE).	83%	N/A	N/A	No	\$450

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	July App. Date w/o Late Fee	Character and Fitness	Other Requirements For Initial Admission to the Bar	Available Bar Prep Courses
<b>Alaska</b>	May 1	The following will be considered cause for further investigation: a criminal conviction except minor traffic violations; academic misconduct which has resulted in disciplinary action; making of false statements under oath or affirmation, including omissions; acts involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; unjustifiable neglect of financial obligations; violation of an order of a court; evidence of mental or emotional disorders; evidence of drug or alcohol abuse or dependency; denial of admission to the Bar in another jurisdiction on character and fitness grounds; disciplinary action by an attorney disciplinary agency, other professional disciplinary agency or any governmental or administrative agency of any jurisdiction.	Must attend presentation on attorney ethics, which is currently a 1-hour video course offered by the bar association.	AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review
<b>Arizona</b>	Feb 1	A hearing is required where there are allegations of commission of a violent crim; fraud, deceit or dishonesty on the part of the applicant that has resulted in damage to others; neglect of financial responsibilities due to circumstances within the control of the applicant; or disregard of ethical or professional obligations.	Completion of state bar's professionalism course within the first year of admission. Must take MPRE within 3 years of applying for admission.	Arizona Bar Advantage, BAR/BRI, Bar Exam Preparation, MicroMash Nord Bar Review, Multistate Legal Studies/Preliminary Multistate Bar Review, Reed Multistate Bar Exam Review.
<b>California</b>	Apr 1	Persons convicted of violent and moral turpitude felonies and breaches of fiduciary duty are presumed not to be of good moral character. There is an abeyance program available, the completion of which will likely result in a positive moral determination without further hearings.		AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, Bar None Review, BarPlus Bar Review, BarTutor, Celebration Bar Exam Review, Fleming's, The Writing Edge
<b>Washington D.C.</b>	May 3	No applicant shall be certified for admission until the applicant demonstrates good moral character and general fitness to practice law.	Completion of D.C. Rules of Conduct course within 12 months of admission. Applicants must write separate checks for each bar exam fee.	AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review
<b>Florida</b>	May 1	record manifesting a deficiency in the honesty, trustworthiness, diligence, or reliability may constitute a basis for denial of admission. Felony conviction not an automatic bar, but restoration of civil rights is necessary.	Must complete mandatory basic skills course within 12 months of admission or 8 months prior to admission. The MPRE must be taken within 25 months of the Florida Bar Exam.	AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review, Celebration Bar Exam Review

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<b>Georgia</b>	1st Friday in June	Persons with a record showing a deficiency in honesty, trustworthiness, diligence, or reliability might not be recommended for admission. Civil rights must be restored for convicted felons.	Mandatory bridge-the-gap course must be completed prior to the first anniversary of admission.	AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review, Celebration Bar Exam Review
<b>Illinois</b>	Feb 1	Applicants with pending cases or who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude must be approved before taking the bar exam; also those who have had disciplinary problems in other jurisdictions.	MPRE must be taken <b>after</b> completion of at least 2 years of law school. Requires basic skills course with a total of 15 hours of instruction.	AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review
<b>Maryland</b>	75 days before the exam	Convicted felons must produce clear and convincing evidence of complete rehabilitation and present good moral character.	Rule requires a course in professionalism presented by the Maryland State Bar Association between the time applicants pass exam and when they are admitted.	AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review
<b>Minnesota</b>	Mar 15	Unlawful conduct, academic misconduct, lying, financial default, and drug or alcohol use are all reasons for further inquiry. Applicants with alcohol, drug, or financial responsibility problems who cannot show rehabilitation, and who would otherwise be issued a letter of adverse determination based upon misconduct, may postpone Board's determination for a period of 12 to 24 months.		AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review
<b>New York</b>	1st Tuesday in March	Screening done after passing bar by the Character & Fitness committee of specific appellate division.		AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review, Celebration Bar Exam Review, Gallagher, Pieper
<b>Texas</b>	Jan 30	Felony conviction is absolute bar to application and admission for 5 years after completion of sentence or probation. Rule provides for probationary licensing for chemical dependency and other	Mandatory seminar within one year of admission.	AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review, Celebration Bar Exam Review
<b>Virginia</b>	May 10	Conviction of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude is not an automatic bar but may affect finding of good moral character.	MPRE must be taken during the same calendar year or within 2 calendar years before or after applicant passed the Virginia Bar Exam.	AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review
<b>Washington</b>	90 days for student applicants	Felony conviction will likely require a hearing.		BAR/BRI, The Missing Link, Tesdahl's Bar Review; Rigos Bar Review
<b>Wisconsin</b>	May 1	Felony conviction not an automatic bar, applicant must establish good character and fitness.		AmeriBar, BAR/BRI, BarPlus Bar Review

	<b>Motion, Waiver, or Reciprocity</b>	<b>Bar Examiner's Website</b>
<b>Alaska</b>	May be admitted without exam if applicant has engaged in active practice of law 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application and has passed written exam in reciprocal state. Must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. (Fee: \$1,500)	<a href="http://www.alaskabar.org">www.alaskabar.org</a>
<b>Arizona</b>	There is no admission on motion, reciprocity, or comity.	<a href="http://www.supreme.state.az.us/admis">www.supreme.state.az.us/admis</a>
<b>California</b>	Attorney applicants who have been admitted as active members in good standing 4 or more years may qualify to take the Attorneys Exam, which is the written portion of the general bar exam (2 out of 3 days). All other attorney applicants must take the general bar exam.	<a href="http://www.calbar.ca.gov">www.calbar.ca.gov</a>
<b>Washington D.C.</b>	Applicant may be admitted without exam if applicant received a scaled MBE score of 133 or higher on an exam upon which applicant was admitted in another jurisdiction, achieved a scaled score of 75 or better on MPRE, and has a JD from an ABA accredited law school. <del>An applicant who received an MBE scaled score of 133 or higher on a prior MBE but was not admitted in that jurisdiction may waive in the MBE score and take only the essay portion of the exam. An essay score of 133 will then be required to pass the essays. Applicant who has been a</del>	<a href="http://www.dcbarexam.org">www.dcbarexam.org</a>
<b>Florida</b>	There is no reciprocity between Florida and any other state. Submission to the Florida Bar Examination is required of all applicants.	<a href="http://www.floridabarexam.org">www.floridabarexam.org</a>

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<b>Georgia</b>	Attorney from a non-reciprocal state may sit for the Attorneys Exam.	<a href="http://www.gabaradmissions.org">www.gabaradmissions.org</a>
<b>Illinois</b>	Persons admitted to practice in a reciprocal jurisdiction who have been engaged in the active and continuous practice of law for at least 5 of the 7 years prior to making application and who meet the educational requirements for admission on exam may be admitted on motion. Applicant must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school and prove intent to practice a minimum of 500 hours annually, physically in Illinois.	<a href="http://www.ibaby.org">www.ibaby.org</a>
<b>Maryland</b>	If the attorney applicant has practiced law for 10 years, or 5 years in the immediate past ten years, following admission by examination in another jurisdiction, applicant is eligible for special attorney exam and need not be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school.	<a href="http://www.courts.state.md.us/ble/index">www.courts.state.md.us/ble/index</a>
<b>Minnesota</b>	Applicant must actively and lawfully engaged in the practice of law in the state of licensure for at least 5 of the 7 years immediately preceding the application. Also must have at least a 145 scaled MBE taken as a part of and at the same time as the essay or other part of a written bar exam given by another jurisdiction and was successful on that bar exam and subsequently admitted in that jurisdiction.	<a href="http://www.ble.state.mn.us">www.ble.state.mn.us</a>
<b>New York</b>	May be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from New York without exam. Must have practiced 5 of the last 7 years and be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. For admission on motion, applications may be obtained from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in area of residence	<a href="http://www.nybarexam.org">www.nybarexam.org</a>
<b>Texas</b>	May be admitted without exam if actively engaged in the practice of law for at least 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application; have a JD from an ABA accredited law school; have a valid, active license and have been a member in good standing at all times.	<a href="http://www.ble.state.tx.us">www.ble.state.tx.us</a>
<b>Virginia</b>	Contact the Board of Bar Examiners at (804) 786-7490 for information on reciprocity or admission on motion.	<a href="http://www.vbbe.state.va.us">www.vbbe.state.va.us</a>
<b>Washington</b>	Limited license for representation of military personnel only. All other motion applicants are admitted on the basis of reciprocity with state of origin. Must take and pass the Washington Professional Responsibility Exam.	<a href="http://www.wsba.org">www.wsba.org</a>
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Basic requirement is 3 years of practice during the 5 years preceeding application, but may be admitted without exam from states that admit Wisconsin practicing attorneys without exam. Applicant must also satisfy originating jurisdiction's requirements for admission on motion.	<a href="http://www.courts.state.wi.us/bbe">www.courts.state.wi.us/bbe</a>