

**How can I waive in to another bar?
Can I take two bar exams in three days?
Will I always have to take the whole bar exam
if I move to another state?**

The definitive word on these subjects is in the *ABA Section on Legal Education's Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements (Comp Guide)* which is revised annually. This guide appears at:

- the National Conference of Bar Examiners' website <http://www.ncbex.org> in the publications section;
- at the ABA's website at <http://www.abanet.org/legaled> in the Bar Admissions section, and
- in the student and alumni *CareerFiles* section of the CSO website. Each *CareerFiles* link is under BAR EXAMS. Check the charts with tiny type and review all of the rules and the notes for the states that interest you. Because the *Comp Guide* is updated annually, as you get closer applying you must check the individual state bar examiners' websites for new rules as these rules can be changed or amended at any time.

Can a new grad be admitted to a bar without taking its bar exam? As of 2004, only three jurisdictions permit waiving in with Multistate score only: Minnesota, North Dakota and Washington DC. Each jurisdiction also requires that you be admitted in the state in which you first took the bar exam.

Some states will accept a Multistate score for a limited number of bar administrations (usually between one and three) but require that you be admitted in the jurisdiction in which you earned the score AND that you take the state's essay exam. Refer to the *Comp Guide*.

Can I take two bar exams in three days? Bar exams are given in a three-day window with the Multistate administered on the middle day. If the states that interest you have Tuesday/Wednesday and a Wednesday/Thursday schedules, it is possible to study for two exams and, if public transportation permits, to sit for two bar exams in three days. This maneuver is becoming less common as states including California add a half day of practicum, extending the exam over two and a half days.

Will I always have to take the whole bar exam if I move to another state?

Admission on motion Some states permit admission by motion after you have practiced for a few years. Among the factors considered are the length of time in practice (often but not always five or seven years), graduation from an accredited law school, whether you have taken the MPRE, whether you have been admitted and engaged in active practice in a state that grants reciprocal admission, and your intent to practice in the state. The *Comp Guide* covers these issue in minute detail, and "Admission on Motion: Current Practices and Rules" (*Bar Examiner*, November 2000 (<http://www.ncbex.org/pubs/pdf/JBinkley.pdf>) is worth reading.

Experienced attorneys exam Some states, including Maryland, require that experienced attorneys sit for an "Attorneys" bar exam.

So sad, too bad Some states, including Florida and California, require that anyone intending to practice law take the bar exam.