

# CHART V: Application Dates & MBE Requirements

State or Jurisdiction	How soon prior to the first day of the bar exam must applicant submit a completed application?		Do you administer the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE)?		Do you accept MBE scores transferred from other jurisdictions?		Do you admit an applicant solely on the basis of an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction?		How many times may exam be taken without special permission?
	February	July	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Alabama	Oct. 1	Feb. 1	X		X			X	no limit
Alaska	Dec. 1	May 1	X			X		X	no limit
Arizona	Sept. 1	Feb. 1	X		X			X	3
Arkansas	Nov. 15	April 1	X		X			X	no limit
California	Nov. 1	April 1	X			X		X	no limit
Colorado	Dec. 1	May 1	X			X		X	no limit
Connecticut	Dec. 31	May 31	X		X			X	no limit
Delaware		April 15	X			X		X	no limit
Dist. of Columbia	Dec. 15	May 3	X		X		X		no limit
Florida	Nov. 15	May 1	X			X		X	no limit
Georgia	by first Friday in Jan.	by first Friday in June	X			X		X	3
Hawaii	90 days	90 days	X			X		X	no limit
Idaho	March 1	Oct. 1	X		X			X	3
Illinois	Sept. 1	Feb. 1	X		X			X	no limit
Indiana	Nov. 15	April 1	X		X			X	no limit
Iowa	Oct. 1	March 1	X		X			X	2
Kansas	Oct. 15	March 15	X		X			X	4
Kentucky	Oct. 1	Feb. 1	X		X			X	no limit
Louisiana	Nov. 1	Feb. 1		X		X		X	no limit
Maine	Dec. 20	May 20	X		X			X	no limit
Maryland	Dec. 20	May 20	X		X			X	3
Massachusetts	75 days	75 days	X		X			X	no limit
Michigan	Nov. 1	March 1	X		X			X	no limit
Minnesota	Oct. 15	March 15	X		X		X		no limit
Mississippi	Sept. 1	Feb. 1	X		X			X	no limit
Missouri	Oct. 15	March 15	X		X			X	no limit
Montana	Oct. 1	March 1	X		X			X	3
Nebraska	Nov. 1	April 1	X			X		X	no limit
Nevada	Dec. 1	May 1	X			X		X	no limit
New Hampshire	Dec. 1	May 1	X		X			X	2
New Jersey	Nov. 1	April 1	X		X			X	no limit
New Mexico	Sept. 10	Jan. 10	X			X		X	no limit
New York	90 days	90 days	X		X			X	no limit
North Carolina	by first Tuesday in Nov.	by first Tuesday in March	X			X		X	no limit
North Dakota	See remarks	90 days	X		X		X		no limit
Ohio	Nov. 1	April 1	X			X		X	no limit
Oklahoma	Sept. 1	Feb. 1	X			X		X	no limit
Oregon	Oct. 31	March 31	X			X		X	no limit
Pennsylvania	Oct. 30	April 15	X			X		X	no limit
Rhode Island	Dec. 1	May 1	X		X			X	5
South Carolina	Aug. 1	Dec. 1	X		X			X	3
South Dakota	Nov. 1	April 1	X		X			X	3
Tennessee	Nov. 15	April 15	X		X			X	3
Texas	Aug. 30	Jan. 30	X			X		X	5
Utah	Oct. 1	March 1	X		X			X	6
Vermont	Jan. 15	June 15	X		X			X	no limit
Virginia	Dec. 15	May 10	X			X		X	5
Washington	Student applicant, 90 days Attorney applicant, 120 days			X		X		X	no limit
West Virginia	Nov. 1	April 1	X		X			X	4
Wisconsin	Dec. 1	May 2	X		X			X	3
Wyoming	Nov. 15	April 15	X		X			X	4
Guam	90 days	90 days	X			X		X	no limit
N. Mariana Islands	60 days	60 days	X		X			X	no limit
Palau	45 days	45 days	X		X			X	no limit
Puerto Rico	45 days	45 days		X		X		X	6
Virgin Islands	30 days	30 days	X		X			X	3

See supplemental remarks.



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**Alaska** Late filing allowed up to January 15 and June 15 with additional fee.

**Arizona** Applicants may file beyond set deadlines by payment of late filing fee.

**California** Applications may be filed late with an additional fee, but no later than January 15 and June 15.

**Colorado** Late filing allowed (up to 30 days after deadline) but with an additional fee.

**Delaware** No applications are accepted after April 15.

**District of Columbia** Late filing allowed up to December 30 and May 18 but with additional fee.

**Florida** Late filing allowed but with an additional escalating fee (\$100-\$1,000).

**Georgia** In no event may one apply prior to having received certification of fitness to practice law from the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants. Late filing allowed on payment of \$200 late fee.

**Guam** Late filing allowed (up to 60 days prior to exam) with an additional \$250 fee.

**Idaho** Late filing allowed up to May 1 and December 1 with an additional fee.

**Illinois** Late filing allowed with an additional escalating fee, but no later than a May 31 postmark for the July examination and a December 31 postmark for the February examination.

**Indiana** Late filing for first time takers is permitted until November 30 and April 15. Re-exam takers have separate deadlines.

**Kansas** Late applications are allowed until April 15 and November 15.

**Kentucky** Late filing allowed up to November 10 and March 10, but with late fee. There is an extended late filing permitted up to December 10 and May 10 upon filing of additional fees.

**Maine** Applications are accepted up to 14 days after deadline with added late fee.

**Maryland** Applicants may take advantage of lower registration filing fee by submitting application for exam to be held in July no later than January 16 in that year. If applicant intends to sit for exam in February, application shall be filed no later than September 15 in the year preceding such exam. Dates given are late filing deadlines and require payment of a late fee.

**Minnesota** Late applications with added late fee accepted until December 1 for February exam and May 1 for July exam.

**Missouri** Late filing with added fee.

**Nevada** Late applications with added penalty fees are accepted until May 1 and December 1.

**New Jersey** Specific fee and time schedules, including those for late filings, are dependent on when materials downloaded from the Internet or requested by mail. Limits are set by the Board of Bar Examiners and the Supreme Court for each administration of the examination.

**New Mexico** Deadlines apply to first-time applicants.

**New York** Applications must be postmarked between 90-120 days prior to the first day of the exam.

**North Carolina** For February exam, application must be received by first Tuesday in November; for July exam, by first Tuesday in March. These are final deadlines.

**North Dakota** Applications for the July exam must be postmarked no later than 90 days before the first day of the exam. Check to determine February deadlines.

**Oklahoma** Late filing permitted for two months after initial deadline but with an additional fee if filed during the first month and an additional fee if filed during the second month after the deadline.

**Oregon** Late filing allowed (December 31 or May 31 - received by Board Office) but with an additional fee.

**Pennsylvania** Three additional late filing deadlines with escalating fees accepted until May 30 and December 15.

**Puerto Rico** Exam dates are in March and in September.

**Virgin Islands** No applications are accepted after the 30-day deadline.

**Washington** To avoid late filing fees, applications must be postmarked 120 days before the exam for attorney applicants and 90 days before the exam for student applicants. Applications filed after these dates must be accompanied by a late filing payment. No applications will be accepted less than 50 days prior to the exam.

**West Virginia** Late fee must accompany all applications filed between November 1 and December 1 preceding February exam, or April 1 to May 1 preceding July exam.

**Wisconsin** Applications are accepted one additional month on payment of a late fee.



### Do you accept MBE scores from examinations taken in other jurisdictions?

**Alabama** For 20 months from time of taking if admitted to the transferring jurisdiction. Must achieve a scaled score of 140 or better.

**Arizona** Concurrent examination only.

**Arkansas** For immediately succeeding examination, will accept MBE scaled score of at least 135 from any jurisdiction.

**Connecticut** Concurrent or 3 prior administrations.

**District of Columbia** Accepts MBE scaled score transferred from another jurisdiction if taken within the preceding 25 months.

**Idaho** Applicants may transfer scores from another jurisdiction if taken within the last 25 months from date of exam.

**Illinois** Accepts MBE from two prior exams. Applicant must have passed exam in other jurisdiction with MBE scaled score of at least 140 and must achieve a scaled score of at least 132 on essay examination to pass examination.

**Indiana** Concurrent examinations only.

**Iowa** Applicants may transfer any MBE scaled score received from an examination taken in another jurisdiction within 2 years of the deadline for filing an application for the Iowa examination.

**Kansas** In concurrent examination or in a prior examination conducted within 13 months of the current examination, if a scaled score of 120 or above and passed the entire exam in one sitting in the transferring jurisdiction.

**Kentucky** A scaled score of 132 or higher may be accepted if that score was obtained within 3 years of the date of the exam to be taken.

**Maryland** Concurrent examinations only.

**Massachusetts** Concurrent examinations only.

**Michigan** Within 3 years of the bar exam, foreign jurisdiction must certify date MBE was taken, that applicant passed entire bar exam of which the MBE was part, the MBE scaled score applicant achieved and that the jurisdiction which administered the MBE affords reciprocal transfer right to Michigan attorneys seeking admission to that jurisdiction.

**Mississippi** Must have attained the score within 20 months of the exam.

**Missouri** Transferred score must have been earned within 19 months of the exam, applicant must have passed entire exam and be admitted and licensed in the transferring jurisdiction, and applicant cannot have previously failed the Missouri exam.

**New Hampshire** Concurrent exams only.

**New Jersey** Concurrent examinations only.

**New York** Concurrent examinations only.

**North Dakota** Concurrent examinations only.

**Northern Mariana Islands** If MBE taken within 3 years of exam for which applicant applies and attains scaled score of at least 120.

**Oklahoma** Concurrent examinations only.

**Palau** Will accept scores if taken within 5 years preceding present exam.

**Rhode Island** Concurrent examinations only.

**South Carolina** Concurrent examinations only.

**South Dakota** Board may accept MBE scores if taken within 25 months prior to next scheduled exam and if score equals or exceeds South Dakota passing score as of date of acceptance of application and if applicant passed other jurisdiction's exam.

**Tennessee** Concurrent examinations only.

**Utah** Concurrent examinations only.

**Vermont** If taken within 5 years of present exam.

**Virgin Islands** Will accept scores if taken within 5 years of present exam.

**West Virginia** If taken within 13 months of present exam and part of a successful exam.

**Wisconsin** If taken within 37 months of present exam and part of a successful exam.

**Wyoming** Within 3 years of present exam.

### If you accept an MBE transfer score, what specific score do you accept?

**Alabama** A scaled score of 140 or more.

**Arizona** Actual concurrent scaled score.

**Arkansas** Scaled score of 135 or more.

**Connecticut** Actual score.

**District of Columbia** A scaled score of 133 or more.

**Idaho** Applicant may transfer any scaled score if taken within 25 months of the date of the bar exam, but it is recommended that a scaled score of less than 140 not be transferred.

**Illinois** Minimum scaled score of 140. Applicant must have passed bar examination where applicant took MBE.

**Indiana** Any scaled score.

**Iowa** Any scaled score.



**Kansas** A scaled score of 120 or more from a successful examination.

**Kentucky** A scaled score of 132 or more.

**Maine** Applicant may transfer any score.

**Maryland** Actual scaled score.

**Massachusetts** Actual scaled score.

**Michigan** Actual scaled score.

**Mississippi** Actual scaled score.

**Missouri** Any scaled score.

**New Jersey** Any scaled score.

**North Dakota** Actual scaled MBE score.

**Northern Mariana Islands** A scaled score of 120 or more.

**Oklahoma** Actual scaled score.

**Palau** A scaled score of 120 or more.

**South Carolina** Actual concurrent scaled score.

**South Dakota** A scaled score of 130 or more.

**Vermont** A scaled score of 135 or more.

**Virgin Islands** A scaled score of 133 or more.

**West Virginia** A scaled score from a successful exam.

**Wisconsin** A scaled score of 145 or more from a successful exam.

**Wyoming** A scaled score of 130 or more.

**North Dakota** May be eligible for admission without written examination, upon proof of admission in another jurisdiction and proof applicant received scaled score of 150 or more on MBE taken as a part of and at the same time as essay or other written exam given by other jurisdiction and proof of MPRE passing score of at least 80. Petition for Admission and proof of eligibility must be filed with the Board within two years of date of exam in jurisdiction of admission.

**How many times may exam be taken without special permission ?**

**Georgia** There is no limit on the number of times, but sitting out one exam and course of study is required after three failed exams.

**Rhode Island** Limited to five failed examinations in Rhode Island or any other state.

**South Carolina** There is no limit on the number of times but additional study is required after the third failure, making it impossible to sit but one time each year.

**West Virginia** Limited to four failed examinations in West Virginia or any other state before special permission from the Board is required.

**Do you admit an applicant on the basis of an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction without requiring the taking and passing of your essay exam?**

**District of Columbia** May be eligible for admission without written examination, upon proof of admission in another jurisdiction and proof applicant received scaled score of 133 or more on MBE taken as a part of and at the same time as essay or other written exam given by other jurisdiction and proof of MPRE passing score of at least 75. Must be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school.

**Minnesota** May be eligible for admission without written examination, upon proof of admission in another jurisdiction and proof applicant has received a scaled score of 145 or more on MBE taken as part of and at the same time as essay or other written exam given by other jurisdiction. Evidence of score and completed application must be received within two years of date of exam.