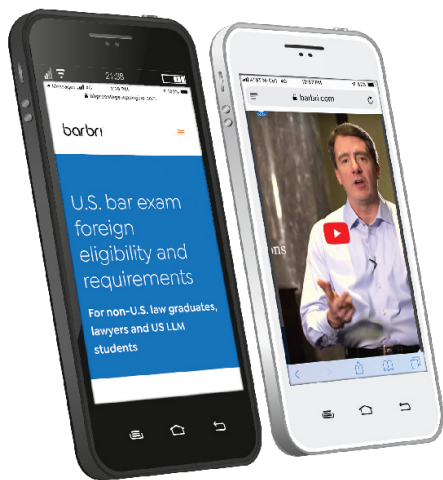




U.S. Bar Admission Checklist

State bar admission checklist for non-U.S. law graduates, lawyers and U.S. LL.M. students

The U.S. bar admission process is lengthy and intricate, but we're here to guide you. There are many steps involved and as the date of the exam nears, filing fees increase. Start at least a year (or more, if you can) in advance of the bar exam date.

☐ Confirm Your Eligibility to Sit a U.S. Bar Exam

Foreign educated lawyers and law graduates may take the bar examination in several U.S. states but the requirements vary from state to state. Traditionally, the most common and easily accessible jurisdictions for foreign lawyers are California and New York.

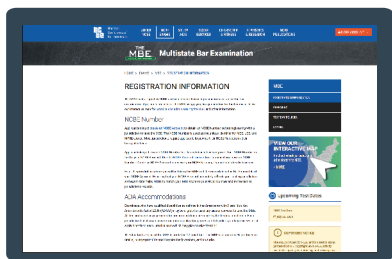
If you wish to sit a U.S. bar examination, first make sure that you are eligible to do so - for instance, some states require a US LLM with specific coursework. Take our quiz here: [The U.S. Bar Exam Eligibility Quiz](#)



☐ Request Foreign Legal Education Evaluation

Request foreign legal education evaluation, if applicable. This is often via the state board, not NCBE. This is especially important for New York and other states that require a formal credential evaluation well in advance.

☐ Create an NCBE Account | Before Bar Exam Application



My NCBE Number

You are required to create an NCBE (National Conference of Bar Examiners) Account that comes with a unique NCBE Number for identification purposes. You will need this number to be able to take the MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam) and the MBE (Multistate Bar Exam), which are developed by the NCBE.

Here's where to register with the NCBE: <https://auth.ncbex.org/account/create>

☐ Apply for the Bar Exam | By the Fall/Spring Deadlines

Bar Exam Filing Deadline

Each jurisdiction independently decides who may sit for their bar exam and who may be ultimately admitted. You must complete an application to sit your state's bar exam. Your state may have unique, state-specific application requirements. Some states also require an additional state law course or exam as part of their admissions requirements.



For more information, download the free BARBRI Bar Exam Guide for International Lawyers and Law Graduates

barbri-prep.com/extended-bar-course/bar-exam-digest



☐ Make Note of the Filing Fees + Deadlines

It's important to think ahead on how you will pay for your state's bar exam fees. There's typically a bar exam fee, on-motion application fee, character and fitness fee, laptop/software fee and more.



Please note:

- Late fees for international candidates can be substantial
- Some jurisdictions require applications 12+ months in advance



☐ Complete the Character and Fitness Application Start Early and Expect Challenging Questions

You will be required to submit the Character and Fitness Application. Some states require that you submit this application before you can take the bar exam and other states allow you to submit it afterward.

You will be asked to disclose details about your academic, work and financial history, as well as include references, any criminal record and civil proceedings. Candor is key. It can be an extensive process so give yourself enough time to gather the required information. If you have previously submitted a Character and Fitness application, you may need to submit an update depending on your state's requirements

☐ Sign Notarized Authorization and Release (A+R) Form

A notarized A&R provides character and fitness analysts the authority to perform a full background check on you. You'll need to print this form and sign it in the presence of a notary. Depending on your state/jurisdiction, you can upload the A&R to your online account or mail it postmarked no later than the filing deadline for the bar exam. Your bar exam application will not be accepted without a signed and notarized A&R form.



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☐ Take the MPRE | Required in All but Two U.S. Jurisdictions

Exam Date Registration Deadline

The MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination) is a two-hour, 60-question multiple-choice exam developed by the NCBE and administered three times a year in March, August and November. A passing MPRE score is required for admission to the bars of all but two U.S. jurisdictions — Wisconsin and Puerto Rico.



Depending on the state/jurisdiction, you will be required to achieve a passing score on the MPRE within a specified time either prior to sitting or after passing the bar exam.

You can register for the free BARBRI MPRE Review Course here: barbri.com/mpre-review

☐ Complete Your State's Final Requirements

Ensure you've paid all the final fees. The state you want to qualify in may also have a set of additional requirements, such as pro bono work (New York), state law courses or exams, or oath paperwork.



☐ Apply for Admission + Book Your Ceremony

Now you can apply for admission to practice as a lawyer. Once accepted, you'll do an oath of admission and book a time and date for your ceremony (in-person or virtual) to celebrate!

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