Bar Exam Info & Next Steps

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[https://reports.ncbex.org/comp-guide/charts/chart-4/](https://reports.ncbex.org/comp-guide/charts/chart-4/)
UBE vs. Non-UBE Options

• The Universal Bar Exam (UBE) is a standardized 3 part test.
  • Multistate Bar Exam (MBE)
  • Multistate Essay Exam (MEE)
  • Multistate Performance Test (MPT)

• Non-UBE states are generally comprised of the MBE, a combination of jurisdiction requirements, and either the MEE or MPT

• UBE states: DC, Illinois, New York, Texas
• Non-UBE states: California, Wisconsin

For additional information on foreign legal education eligibility see chart 4 from the NCBE.
UBE vs. Non-UBE Cont’d

• UBE scores are portable to other UBE jurisdictions
• MBE scores taken as part of the UBE can also transfer

• Each jurisdiction determines
  • The passing score
  • Age of the score
  • Which tests are transferable

Additional testing will be required if you plan to be admitted in both UBE and non-UBE jurisdictions
Which states have state specific components in addition to the UBE?

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<th>UBE Pre-Admission Jurisdiction-Specific Law Component Requirements</th>
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<td>Pre-admission component</td>
<td>Alabama, Arizona, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virgin Islands, Washington</td>
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http://www.ncbex.org/exams/ube/score-portability/local-components/
Transferring Exam scores to other jurisdictions

• Request an official MBE/UBE Score Transcript through your NCBE account
• Information Required:
  • Date and jurisdiction you took exam
  • Which jurisdiction to send the transcript
• Cost: $25 per transcript
• There is an unofficial transcript option if you want a copy ($25 per transcript)

**Jurisdictions may have different MBE/UBE transfer rules – Check the jurisdictions website before making any requests**

• For additional information: http://www.ncbex.org/ncbe-exam-score-services/
Next Steps with the Registrar's Office

• Notify the Registrar's office if you are going to sit for a different state than originally planned (registrar@law.uchicago.edu)

• Update your Bar Authorization Form if necessary

• Send any state bar certification forms that we need to fill out on your behalf (registrar@law.uchicago.edu)

• Bar Certification forms and final transcripts will be mailed out to all states the Monday after graduation
Next Steps Cont’d

• **New York applicants:**
  • Complete the transcript request form link posted on the Canvas page or the Law School website. We will complete the Certificate of Attendance for you after spring classes end. We will send you a copy to verify, sign and return to the Registrar’s Office.

• **California:**
  • Complete the transcript request form link posted on the Canvas page or the Law School website.
Contact Information

• Form processing and bar exam related questions:
  • Office of the Registrar: registrar@law.uchicago.edu
  • Make an appointment with Sunny Sterba
  • Website: https://www.law.uchicago.edu/students/barinfo

• General advising questions:
  • Justin Swinsick: jswinsick@uchicago.edu
Study Resources

Law School Advising:

Jesse Landstrom, Associate Director of Student Affairs and Academic Services is a great resource to talk about time management and to find which resources may be best for your individual needs.

UChicago Resource: ASAP:

This is a great campus resource that can help students with time management called the Academic Skills Assessment Program. They have some resources online, but students can also schedule individual appointments. [https://wellness.uchicago.edu/mental-health/academic-skills-assessment-program/](https://wellness.uchicago.edu/mental-health/academic-skills-assessment-program/)

Lawyers Assistance Program:

For general support with stress, mental health, or substance use concerns: [https://illinoislap.org/mental-health-recovery-services/law-student-depression/](https://illinoislap.org/mental-health-recovery-services/law-student-depression/)
Questions?