

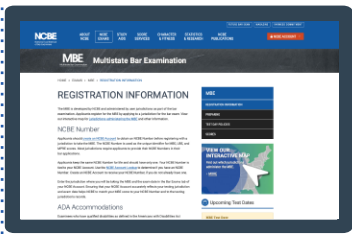


# Bar admission checklist

The bar admissions 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.

Here's a guide to help you stay on track.

## Create a NCBE account | before bar exam application



My NCBE number: .....

All law students are required to create a 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 (see below) and the MBE (Multistate Bar Exam), which are developed by the NCBE and are both required in the majority of jurisdictions.

Here's where to register with the NCBE: [ncbex.org/exams/mbe/registration](http://ncbex.org/exams/mbe/registration)

## Pass 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. **Note:** Connecticut and New Jersey will accept the successful completion of a professional responsibility law school course in lieu of a passing MPRE score.



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.

Register for BARBRI's free MPRE Review course here: [barbri.com/mpre-review](http://barbri.com/mpre-review)

## 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 for your state's bar exam. Several states have unique, state specific application requirements. Many states also require an additional state law course or exam as part of their admissions requirements.



The free BARBRI Bar Exam Digest has the contact and website information for the bar examiner's office in each state and jurisdiction. Download it at: [barbri.com/bar-exam-digest](http://barbri.com/bar-exam-digest)



## Pay attention to the filing fees | deadlines vary



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| Timely application:  | Date _____ | Fee \$ _____ |
| Final application:   | Date _____ | Fee \$ _____ |
| Laptop registration: | Date _____ | Fee \$ _____ |
| Character & Fitness: | Date _____ | Fee \$ _____ |

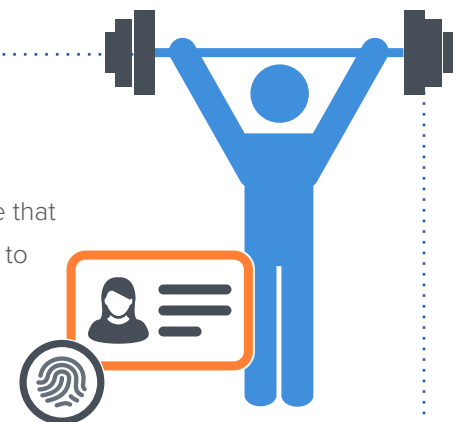
It's important to think ahead on how you will pay for your state's bar exam fees. There's typically a bar exam fee, on-motion application fee, character and fitness fee, laptop/software fee and more. Stay on top of the deadlines. If you submit your bar exam application after any filing deadline, expect to incur a late fee.



Each jurisdiction is different. For specific fees and deadlines, consult the **BARBRI Bar Exam Digest**. Download it free at: [barbri.com/bar-exam-digest](http://barbri.com/bar-exam-digest) or by scanning the code.

## Complete the Character and Fitness Application | start early and expect a thorough check

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



Character & fitness application deadline: .....

A notarized A&R provides character & 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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