

Delaware

Bar Admission Checklist



Find details on exam dates, registration deadlines, special accommodations, and current fees.

The Delaware 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 what you need to know and do for Delaware Bar admission:

Create NCBE, Bar Admission Accounts | Before Application

All law students are required to create an NCBE 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 (National Conference of Bar Examiners). The MBE is administered on day two of the Delaware Bar Exam.

Most students create an NCBE account when registering for the MPRE. Register with the NCBE at: <https://auth.ncbex.org/account/create>. You will need to create an account with the Board of Bar Examiners of the Supreme Court of Delaware for your bar application: You can register and submit your application at: <https://courts.delaware.gov/bbe/debarapp.aspx>.

You will also need to complete the NCBE Character and Fitness application: www.ncbex.org/character-and-fitness/jurisdiction/de. The Board of Bar Examiners of the Supreme Court of Delaware provides a helpful checklist for the required documents you will need to the Delaware Bar Application: <https://courts.delaware.gov/bbe/debarapp.aspx>.

Take the MPRE | Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam

We recommend taking the MPRE any time during 2L year or as early in your 3L year as possible. A scaled score of 85 on the MPRE within 4 years preceding, or by December 31 in the year after passing the Delaware Bar Examination, is required for admission to the Delaware bar. Applicants must provide verification of their MPRE score for admission to the bar of Delaware. The MPRE is a two-hour, 60-question multiple-choice exam developed by the NCBE and administered in the spring, summer, and fall. When registering for the MPRE, students can select one of two dates offered at a time on a first come, first served basis. **Scan the QR code above for exam dates, accommodation and exam registration deadlines, and current fees.**

Register for the free BARBRI MPRE Review course at: barbri.com/mpre.

The online, on-demand BARBRI MPRE Review course allows you to watch specific lecture segments that correspond with a particular topic module. The course is accompanied by an outline book (hard copy and/or digital), lecture handout, multiple practice exams, and BARBRI's exclusive multiple-choice questions.

□ Secure Your Bar Prep Course | Start Early for Full Advantages

Ready for bar prep? We're here for you. We've spent over 50 years optimizing and investing in legal education and bar review. That's a proven track record. And that's why every minute you spend with BARBRI Bar Review statistically increases your chances of passing.



Most Passes

Nearly 90% of our students who do the average amount of prep pass the bar exam. Don't just take our word for it, though. Ask the 1.435 million lawyers, judges and legal professionals who have passed using BARBRI.



Most Personalized

BARBRI is personalized to you from the beginning. ISAAC is the proprietary engine that creates a smart bar prep Personal Study Plan for you from day one. It updates based on time left until your exam, customizations you make, and the most statistically significant topics for passing the bar.



Most Points

Master bar exam content with expert lectures from the best law professors in the country and a bank of 5K+ practice multiple-choice questions. The result? Studies show BARBRI students score more points compared to students who don't study with BARBRI.



Most Students

The largest pool of students prepare for the bar with BARBRI. In fact, more students prepare with BARBRI every year than all other bar prep courses – combined. For an exam with a curved score, that means you can trust us to analyze your chances of passing before you even sit for the exam.

Enroll early and gain immediate access to 2L/3L Exam Success and early access to Early Start Bar Review. **Enroll at barbri.com/pricing.**

If you are billing a firm, congratulations. BARBRI has trusted direct billing relationships with over 500 law firms. **Learn more about billing a law firm at: barbri.com/firm-pay.**

If you're going into Public Interest, you may qualify for a BARBRI Bar Review Public Interest Scholarship. **Apply in less than 5 minutes at: barbri.com/public-interest.**

□ Apply for the Bar Exam | Fall and Spring Deadlines

To take the Delaware Bar Exam, you'll need to complete your application online and pay your filing fee. Meeting earlier deadlines will help you save as the application fee increases the longer you wait.



Find current bar exam application fees and deadlines at: www.barbri.com/states/delaware-bar-exam/ or by scanning the QR code.

Initial Application: Documents filed with initial application include the following: (1) Recent photo (passport like), (2) Authorization & Release form, (3) First Affidavit of Completeness, 4) NCBE Acknowledgment of Complete Application, and (5) Completed NCBE Character and Fitness Application.

Supplemental Documents: Some supplemental documents will need to be filed after your initial application submission. These include:

Second Affidavit of Completeness: (due around 7/1 for July exam or 2/1 for February exam, exact dates TBD)

- Official law school transcript

Third Affidavit of Completeness (due around 9/1 for July exam or 4/1 for February exam, exact dates TBD)

- First Preceptor Certificate
- Credit History Reports
- Application for all law schools attended
- Official Undergraduate and Post Graduate Transcript
- Criminal History Reports, both federal and Delaware

For information on additional documents needed: [Board of Bar Examiners - Supreme Court - Delaware Courts - State of Delaware](#)

□ Complete Character + Fitness | Start Early, Expect a Thorough Check

As part of the bar exam online application process, you'll provide information that assists Delaware Board of Bar Examiners conduct a character and fitness investigation.

You will be asked to disclose details about your personal, academic, work and financial histories, as well as criminal record and civil proceedings. Candor is key. You will also need to include information including, military service, driving records and citizenship.

As part of the character and fitness review, all applicants must submit fingerprints for the purpose of the Board verifying the identity of the applicant and obtaining a current record of any criminal activity. Applicants must obtain certified personal criminal history reports from Delaware and the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). IndentoGo is the exclusive provider for the state of criminal history reports. You can also obtain an FBI criminal history report from IndentoGo or certain US Post Offices. Instructions are provided on the DE Board of Bar Examiners website.

Investigations are conducted for passing Applicants only. Once the exam results are posted, the investigations will begin. Each passing applicant will be assigned to a Board member who will investigate your application. The investigation includes a personal interview.

Applicants will need to submit their character and fitness application through the NCBE.

Find a list of character and fitness questions and instructions to help prepare for the online process at: [Board of Bar Examiners - Supreme Court - Delaware Courts - State of Delaware](#)

□ Take the Bar Exam | Every February + July / Final Tuesday + Wednesday

The Delaware Bar exam is a two day exam and requires a passing score of 143.

Scores are based on:

- 50% – Two Multistate Performance Tests (MPT) and 4 Delaware Essay Exam Questions (on day one)
- 50% – Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) a 200 question multiple choice exam on day two (Morning and Afternoon sessions)

MPT format: "Closed universe" practical questions using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes, and other reference materials supplied by examiners.

Delaware Essay Subjects Tested: Business Entities (DE Corporations, LLCs, and Limited Partnerships), Criminal Law and Procedure (including the DE criminal code), Civil Procedure in all DE and Federal Courts (including Family Law), Wills & Trusts, Property, Constitutional Law, Torts, Contracts, Evidence, Equity.

MBE subjects tested: Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts. Please note: DE does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

The Delaware Supreme Court approved administering the NextGen Uniform Bar Exam, beginning in February 2028. Please refer to the state bar examiners website for additional details: courts.delaware.gov/bbe

□ Preceptor | Required for Admission

Delaware requires candidates to select a preceptor and execute their Preceptor Certificate by September 1/April 1 depending on when you are sitting for the bar exam. Your preceptor can be any DE lawyer qualified under Board Rules 9 & 10 and Supreme Court rule 52. Often candidates select preceptors from firms where they have been employed or other lawyers or judges for whom they have worked or clerked. Your preceptor is obligated to review your application.

□ Clerkship | Required for Admission

Delaware requires all candidates to complete a clerkship. The Clerkship is required to be full time for a 12 week period, it does not need to be continuous, but which may not begin prior to matriculation at a law school described in Supreme Court Rule 52(a)(5). A week means a forty-hour work week. The Clerkship is required to be completed in Delaware, under the supervision of a Delaware attorney. Each applicant must also complete a Clerkship Checklist. The Clerkship Checklist is available on the Board's website. Both the Clerkship and Clerkship Checklist must be completed before an applicant can be admitted to the Bar.

□ Attorney Registration and the Pre-Admission Conference

Delaware holds a pre-admission conference that is mandatory for all passing applicants. The conference attendance is a prerequisite to admission. Attendance at the pre-admission conference is mandatory for anyone who passed the immediately preceding administration of the Bar Exam regardless of whether you intend to be admitted at the admission ceremony. Professional attire is required.

Delaware State Bar

All information derived from the Board of Bar Examiners of the
Supreme Court of Delaware website at: <https://courts.delaware.gov/bbe/index.aspx>

For questions or to find your school's BARBRI Director of Legal Education, please contact: service@barbri.com.

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