

Texas

Bar Admission Checklist

The Texas 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 Texas Bar admission:

☐ Create an ATLAS Account | For All Filings

ATLAS Email: ATLAS Password:

You may have already created your ATLAS Account during your 1L year when you completed your Declaration of Intent to Study Law. You'll need to access your online ATLAS Account to apply for the Texas Bar Exam or to submit any other application.

Create or access your ATLAS Account here: ble.texas.gov/registration

☐ Create an NCBE Account | Before Bar Exam Application

My NCBE Number


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 Uniform Bar Exam.

Most students create an NCBE account when registering for the MPRE. Register with the NCBE at: <https://auth.ncbex.org/account/create>.

☐ 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 is required for admission to the Texas bar. Scores are scaled and range from 50 to 150. A raw score of approximately 32 correct out of 50 usually converts to a scaled score of 85. Your passing MPRE score report must be submitted to the Texas Board of Law Examiners (TBLE) through the NCBE website.

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 (see chart below) on a first come, first served basis.

MPRE dates	Registration deadline (fee: \$160)	Scan for more information
August 13 or 14, 2024	June 12, 2024	
November 7 or 8, 2024	September 18, 2024	
March 2025 - TBD	TBD	

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 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 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 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 Mastery 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 | Meet Filing Fee Deadlines

Apply online for the Texas Bar Exam and pay your filing fee. Remember that to apply, you must have a personal ATLAS account. For more filing detail, see TBLE website at: ble.texas.gov/deadlines

Filing deadlines:

February (Winter) exam:

Timely: **September 1**

Final: December 1

July (Summer) exam:

Timely: **February 1**

Final: May 1

Filing fees:

Texas student application fee: **\$300 in-state** (foreign-trained applicants \$1,140)

Out-of-state student application: **\$490**

Laptop fee: **\$50** (plus an \$80 software fee)

1st late deadline: **\$150**

2nd late deadline: **\$300**

Late laptop registration: **\$75**

Be sure to review all applications and applicable forms at: ble.texas.gov/information-and-applications



For more information and exam details, download the free BARBRI Bar Exam Digest at: www.barbri.com/bar-exam-digest or by scanning the code.

□ Register Your Laptop | Use for Essays

Registration period

You are allowed to use a laptop for the Texas Bar Exam essay questions. When you apply for the bar exam, be sure to indicate that you are applying to use a laptop. You will then be sent an email a few weeks before the exam to register your laptop and pay the **\$80 software fee**. There is an additional **\$75 late fee** for a one-week extension. If you miss the deadline, you will have to handwrite your essays.

Find more details on laptop specifications, fees, and registration at: ble.texas.gov/laptop-application

□ Take The Bar Exam | February 25-26, 2025 / July 29-30, 2025

Texas uses the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) and requires a passing score of 270 out of a total of 400 points.

UBE scores are based on:

20% – Two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions on day one (morning session)

30% – Six Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions on day one (afternoon session)

50% – 200-question, multiple-choice Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) on day two (morning and afternoon sessions)

MPT format: “Closed universe” practical questions using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes, and other reference material supplied by examiners

MEE essay subjects: Business Associations (Agency and Partnership; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Conflict of Laws, Family Law, Trusts and Estates (Decedents’ Estates; Trusts and Future Interests), Article 9 (Secured Transactions) of the Uniform Commercial Code plus all MBE subjects

MBE subjects tested: Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts

Helpful tip: Remember to bring an extension cord in case your laptop charger does not reach the provided outlet.

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

Once your Declaration of Intention to Study Law is filed, you can submit your bar exam Character and Fitness information. TBLE investigates all applicants on behalf of the Supreme Court of Texas.

You will be asked to disclose details about your academic, work and financial history, as well as any criminal record and civil proceedings. Candor is key. You will also need to include references, your final law school transcripts, driving record, birth certificate, passport and fingerprints.

Find additional character and fitness details at: ble.texas.gov/character-and-fitness

Go here for fingerprinting information: ble.texas.gov/fingerprint-information. Once you register and pay, you’ll need to download the Exam360 software, complete the trial exam, and upload your trial exam answers.

□ Get Results, Take New Lawyer Oath | After Bar Exam

Typically, the TBLE releases results in April for the February bar exam and in October for the July bar exam.

The State Bar of Texas requires registration of all new state attorneys (for a fee). When you receive your new license, it is required that you take the oath.

For details, go to: www.texasbar.com/newattorney

□ Take the Texas Law Component | Required After Passing

All Texas applicants who pass the bar must take the Texas Law Component. This is satisfied by completing the Texas Law Course (TLC), which is a series of videos and “hurdle” questions. The TLC is done online and requires approximately 12 hours of work. Applicants may complete the TLC up to one year before taking a bar exam and up to two years after passing a bar exam in Texas.

The Texas Law Course is available through the State Bar of Texas–TexasBarCLE. There is no cost for the course, but you’ll need to register as a user of TexasBarCLE before you can register for the Texas Law Course. **Go to:** texasbarcle.com/TBLE

In addition, please note that by order of the Supreme Court of Texas, all newly licensed attorneys must complete the Justice James A. Baker Guide to Ethics and Professionalism in Texas no later than 12 months after being licensed. **For more information, contact the** [Texas Center for Legal Ethics](#).

Texas State Bar

All information derived from the Texas BLE website at: ble.texas.gov/home

If you have any questions, please contact your BARBRI Director of Legal Education at: barbri.com/law-school-contact

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