

General Bar Admissions Checklist

☐ Take the MPRE

- ☐ Take during 2L year or as early in 3L year as possible.
- ☐ Administered three times per year in August, November, and March.
- ☐ Required in every jurisdiction except WI and PR. CT and NJ will accept law school Prof. Resp. course in lieu of MPRE score.
- ☐ Visit the NCBE website for the required score.
- ☐ Contact the Office of Academic and Bar Support for information about a free MPRE prep course.



☐ Create Accounts

- ☐ Create an NCBE account to receive an NCBE number.
- ☐ Check bar admissions website in your jurisdiction for information on creating an applicant online account, if necessary



☐ Check Application & Admissions Requirements

- ☐ Check the deadline for applying to sit for the bar exam in your jurisdiction.
- ☐ Note any unique state specific application requirements.
- ☐ Note additional state law courses/state law exams required in the admissions process.
- ☐ Note other admission requirements (pro bono, experiential learning, etc.).
- ☐ A comprehensive list of admissions requirements and a Directory of State Bar Admission agencies can be found here.



☐ Register for Bar Prep

- ☐ Helix Bar Review is free to all students sitting in a UBE jurisdiction. Use the registration code and instructions provided by the COL to access the course.
- ☐ Kaplan Bar Review is free to all students sitting in a non-UBE jurisdiction. Follow the directions provided via email from Kaplan to access the course.



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☐ **Apply for the Exam**

- ☐ Apply on or before the required fall/spring deadlines for either the February or July exam.
- ☐ Gather necessary documents required to apply (law school transcript, NCBE ID number, state bar ID number, etc.).
- ☐ Most jurisdictions have an online application, but some require a paper application.
- ☐ Check and complete other required steps (registering laptop, sending photo/handwriting sample, etc.).

☐ **Complete Character & Fitness Application**

- ☐ Every jurisdiction requires a character and fitness application and investigation.
- ☐ Check whether your jurisdiction requires C&F prior to the bar exam or afterward.
- ☐ Note filing deadlines and documentation requirements.

☐ **Application for Admission**

- ☐ Complete the application for admission, if required.
- ☐ All steps required for admission should be detailed on the website for the the state bar examiner's office.
- ☐ A complete directory of State Bar Admissions agencies, with contact information and web addresses, can be found here.



Questions may be submitted to barsupport@syr.edu.