

At its meeting on May 20, 2016, the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee adopted the following revisions to its Regulations. These revisions were published in the Connecticut Law Journal on June 7, 2016 and **become effective September 5, 2016**. Additions are signified by underlining; deletions are signified by strikeout.

ARTICLE III.

APPLICATION TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION AND FOR ADMISSION-ADMISSION BY EXAMINATION AND ADMISSION BY TRANSFER OF A UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION SCORE ATTAINED IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION

Art. III-1.

(A) The application to take the bar examination and for admission to the bar (for which the official forms obtainable from the administrative director must be used) shall be filed between 01 March and 30 April for a July examination and between 01 October and 30 November for a February examination, together with the fee prescribed by Article ~~X~~ X (1).

(B) The application for admission by transfer of a Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) score attained in another jurisdiction (for which the official forms obtainable from the administrative director must be used) shall be filed within 3 years after attaining a total scaled score of 266 or higher on the UBE taken in another jurisdiction, together with the fee prescribed by Article X (2). A score is considered to have been attained on the date of the administration of the UBE that resulted in the score. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his or her qualifying UBE score is transferred to the administrative director by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). Applicants shall submit official transcripts of undergraduate and legal education sufficient to satisfy the committee that the applicant's educational qualifications meet the requirements of Section 2-8 of the Rules.

(C) Answers on the application must be typewritten or prepared by electronic means and the application to take the bar examination and for admission to the bar must be used only for the examination for which it is issued.

An application is considered filed on the day it is RECEIVED, properly completed with the appropriate fees paid, in the office of the administrative director.

An applicant who fails to pass a Connecticut bar examination shall be permitted to file an application for the next administration of the bar examination within three weeks of the release of the results of the prior examination.

Art. III-2. Incidental to an application for admission to the bar by examination or an application for admission by UBE score transfer, each applicant shall be required to file the following supporting documents as appropriate:

(A) Certified copies of driving record and accident history.

(B) Certificates of good standing from all courts (state and federal, except the U.S. Supreme Court) before which the applicant is admitted to practice.

(C) A copy of each application for admission to the bar and/or for admission to every bar examination submitted by the applicant in any jurisdiction other than Connecticut.

(D) Any other information requested by the examining committee.

All supporting documents required by this Article should be filed concurrently with the application.

Art. III-3. An applicant who withdraws his or her application to take the bar examination at least 30 days prior to the examination shall be entitled to a fee credit of \$125. Withdrawals for medical reasons accompanied by a doctor's certificate shall be entitled to a fee credit of \$125 if received within ten days after the examination. Any fee credits to which a withdrawing applicant may be entitled must be applied toward either of the next two succeeding examinations. All withdrawals must be in writing, addressed to the administrative director and are effective on the date received by the administrative director.

Art. III-4. The administrative director shall make the applications available to the chairperson of the standing committee on recommendations in the appropriate county. The administrative director shall give notice by publication in the Connecticut Law Journal of the names of the applicants for the examination. Unless a written objection to an applicant is received by the appropriate standing committee on recommendations or by the examining committee within 10 days of publication, or the standing committee does not approve an applicant, the report of the standing committee shall be submitted to the county clerk without a meeting of the county bar. In the event that an objection shall be made to any applicant or the standing committee does not approve an applicant there shall be a hearing by the standing committee which shall make a special report on such applicant to be presented to a meeting of the bar of the county at which meeting said bar shall approve or disapprove such applicant.

Art. III-5. The administrative director shall retain the applications for not more than five (5) years and shall thereafter transmit them to the state library for permanent storage.

Art. III-6.

(a) No person who has been disbarred from the practice of law in any jurisdiction, or who is a party to pending disbarment proceedings in any jurisdiction, or who has resigned from the bar pending disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction may apply for admission to the Connecticut bar or to sit for the Connecticut bar examination until he or she has been readmitted to practice without condition or restriction in the jurisdiction disbarring or accepting the resignation of such person or until the pending disbarment proceedings have been resolved in favor of the applicant.

(b) No person who has been suspended from the practice of law in any jurisdiction may apply for admission to the Connecticut bar or sit for the Connecticut bar examination until the expiration of the period of suspension in the jurisdiction imposing such suspension.

ARTICLE IV.

MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION

Art. IV-1. All persons seeking admission to the practice of law in Connecticut, ~~whether~~ by examination, by UBE score transfer, or upon motion without examination shall, prior to being recommended for admission to the bar, produce evidence of satisfactory completion of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination. The passing score on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination shall be a scaled score of eighty (80) and must be achieved within four years before or within one year after the date the applicant files his or her application for admission to the Connecticut bar.

Art. IV-2. In lieu of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination an applicant may, prior to being recommended for admission to the bar, submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a course in professional responsibility/legal ethics offered by a law school approved by the bar examining committee as part of its regular curriculum. To be acceptable, the course must be completed with a grade of either "C" or "Pass" within four years before or within one year after the date the applicant files his or her application for admission to the Connecticut bar.

Art. IV-3.

In lieu of the requirements set forth in Articles IV-1 and IV-2, an applicant for admission without examination who is a full-time faculty member or full-time clinical fellow at an accredited Connecticut law school may, prior to being recommended for admission to the bar, submit evidence of a scaled score of eighty (80) on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination or a grade of either "C" or "Pass" in a course in professional responsibility/legal ethics offered by a law school approved by the bar examining committee as part of its regular curriculum.

ARTICLE V.
EXAMINATIONS

Art. V-1. The Committee shall hold sessions semi-annually for the examination in law of applicants for admission to the bar. The examination shall be held at such place or places within the State of Connecticut as the Committee may designate, one to be held the last consecutive Tuesday and Wednesday of February and one to be held the last consecutive Tuesday and Wednesday of July, in each year. Such examination shall last two days, with two sessions each day.

Art. V-2. The examinations shall be in writing. The Committee shall provide pencils and pens. The Committee may allow an applicant to utilize a portable electronic device capable of operating the designated software to answer ~~Part A performance tests and essay questions of the examination~~ provided that the applicant follows the procedure set forth by the Committee for electing such option. Special circumstances may, with the prior written approval of the committee, warrant a waiver, in whole or in part, of the requirements of this Art. V-2.

Art. V-3. An applicant may be examined at the examination next preceding his or her eighteenth birthday. If successful and otherwise qualified, he or she shall be admitted to the bar only upon attaining the age of eighteen.

Art. V-4.

~~(a) The examination shall be composed of two parts designated Part A and Part B. the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE), prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) and comprised of two (2) Multistate Performance Test (MPT) items, six (6) Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) questions, and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). Applicants may be tested on any subject matter listed by the NCBE as areas of law to be tested on the UBE.~~

~~Part A shall be of six hours' duration and shall be composed of twelve 30-minute sections. Up to six of the sections may be selected from the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) which is that examination offered to the several states by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and designated by that organization as the MEE. The remaining sections shall be prepared under the direction of the examinations committee and shall be based upon such of the following subjects as the examinations committee shall determine:-~~

~~1. Administrative law~~

~~2. Business entities (including corporations, partnerships and sole proprietorships)~~

~~3. Conflict of laws~~

~~4. Contracts~~

~~5. Criminal law and procedure~~

- ~~6. Federal and state constitutional law~~
- ~~7. Civil procedure~~
- ~~8. Evidence~~
- ~~9. Professional responsibility~~
- ~~10. Property (real and personal, including future interests)~~
- ~~11. Torts~~
- ~~12. Uniform Commercial Code~~
- ~~13. Wills, trusts and estates.~~

~~Part B shall consist of the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) which is that examination offered to the several states by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and designated by that organization as the MBE.~~

~~(b) Beginning with the February 2014 administration of the Connecticut bar examination, the following provisions of this Article shall apply to the contents of the bar examination.~~

~~Part A shall be of six hours' duration and shall be composed of six 30-minute essay questions and two 90-minute performance tests. The 30-minute essay questions may be selected from the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) which is that examination offered to the several states by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and designated by that organization as the MEE. The remaining 30-minute essay questions, if any, shall be prepared under the direction of the examinations committee. All six 30-minute essay questions shall be based upon such of the following subjects as the examinations committee shall determine:~~

- ~~1. Administrative law~~
- ~~2. Business entities (including corporations, partnerships and sole proprietorships)~~
- ~~3. Conflict of laws~~
- ~~4. Contracts~~
- ~~5. Criminal law and procedure~~
- ~~6. Federal constitutional law~~
- ~~7. Civil procedure~~
- ~~8. Evidence~~
- ~~9. Professional responsibility~~
- ~~10. Property (real and personal, including future interests)~~
- ~~11. Torts~~

~~12. Uniform Commercial Code~~

~~13. Wills, trusts and estates~~

~~14. Family law~~

~~The two 90 minute performance tests shall be selected from the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) which is that examination offered to the several states by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and designated by that organization as the MPT.~~

~~Part B shall consist of the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) which is that examination offered to the several states by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and designated by that organization as the MBE.~~

Art. V-5.

~~(a) An applicant's raw score on Part A shall be the sum of the scores on each of the 12 sections of Part A.~~

~~An applicant's Part A raw score shall be converted to the same distribution as the scaled scores on Part B by the Standard Deviation Method. Scaled scores shall be used to assure that the standard used to measure competence is not affected by the difficulty of the particular test or the ability of the group of applicants sitting for a particular examination.~~

~~(b) Beginning with the February 2014 administration of the Connecticut bar examination, the following provisions of this Article shall apply to the scoring of the bar examination.~~

~~An applicant's raw score on Part A shall be the sum of the scores on each of the 8 sections of Part A, with the essay portion weighted 30% and the MPT portion weighted 20%.~~

~~An applicant's Part A raw score shall be converted to the same distribution as the scaled scores on Part B scale to calculate written scaled scores according to the method used by the NCBE for jurisdictions that administer the UBE. by the Standard Deviation Method. Scaled scores shall be used to assure that the standard used to measure competence is not affected by the difficulty of the particular test or the ability of the group of applicants sitting for a particular examination.~~

~~Raw scores earned on the MPT and MEE portions of the examination are combined and scaled to the MBE to calculate scaled written scores. The written scaled scores and the MBE scaled scores shall be combined to determine UBE total scores, with the MPT weighted 20%, the MEE weighted 30%, and the MBE weighted 50%. Scaled scores shall be used to assure that the standard used to measure competence is not affected by the difficulty of the particular test or the ability of the applicants sitting for a particular examination. A total UBE score of 266 shall be the minimum passing score. An applicant's scaled MBE score shall be expressed to one decimal place. An applicant's total UBE score shall be expressed to the nearest whole number.~~

~~**Art. V-6.** The passing score on the examination shall be a combined score of 264 on the Part B scale of scores.~~

~~An applicant's score on the examination shall be the sum of his or her scaled score on Part B and his or her converted score on Part A (as described in Art. V-5).~~

~~An applicant's scaled MBE score and converted score on Part A (as described in Art V-5) shall be expressed to the nearest whole number.~~

~~**Art. V-7.V-6** In order to obtain a UBE score, an applicant must sit for the MPT, the MEE, and the MBE in Connecticut during the same administration of the exam. An applicant may sit for ~~Part B~~ the MBE in~~

another jurisdiction as a part of the bar examination of that jurisdiction and transfer that ~~Part B~~ MBE score to Connecticut for purposes of local admission to the Connecticut bar. Upon election by the applicant prior to the administration of the examination, the committee will accept an applicant's concurrent ~~Part B~~ MBE score or the applicant's ~~Part B~~ MBE score from any of the three administrations of the MBE next preceding the administration during which the applicant sits for ~~Part A of the examination~~ the MPT and MEE in Connecticut. The election to sit for ~~Part B~~ the MBE of the examination in Connecticut, concurrently in another jurisdiction or to use a score from a prior administration of the MBE must be made in writing on a form provided by the Committee not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the examination for which the applicant has filed his or her application. If the ~~Part B~~ MBE score is from a prior administration of the MBE, then the applicant must have been successful on each examination for which the score was originally achieved. An applicant who elects to transfer an MBE score from a concurrent or prior administration of the exam will not obtain a UBE score.

(A) An applicant who elects to use an ~~an~~ Part B MBE score as limited above must have a certificate of that ~~Part B~~ MBE scaled score and of success on each examination for which the score was originally achieved sent directly to the administrative director by the other jurisdiction(s) or ~~the Director of Testing of the National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE on a form provided by the administrative director.

(B) It shall be the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the administrative director receives the certified report of the ~~Part B~~ MBE score and of success on each examination for which the score was originally achieved in a timely manner.

(C) An applicant's transferred score on ~~Part B~~ the MBE shall be disclosed to him or her unless the transferring jurisdiction directs otherwise.

(D) Scores on ~~Part A~~ the MPT and MEE are not transferrable.

(E) An applicant taking the bar examination in Connecticut may request the certification of an MBE score earned in Connecticut to another jurisdiction. An applicant requesting certification of an MBE score earned in Connecticut to another jurisdiction must direct such request to the Committee's Administrative Office on a form provided by the Committee and pay the fee prescribed in Article X ~~(8)~~ (9).

Art. V-8. V-7 (a) In order for the examination to be graded when sitting for ~~Part B~~ the MBE in Connecticut or concurrently in another jurisdiction, the applicant must attend both ~~sessions of Part A~~ the MPT and MEE sessions at the designated location in Connecticut and both sessions of ~~Part B~~ the MBE either in Connecticut or concurrently in another jurisdiction as designated in his or her Connecticut application or in a timely amendment thereto filed in accordance with Article ~~V-7~~ V-6. Any applicant who does not attend all four sessions of the examination will be deemed withdrawn from the examination and will not receive examination results.

(b) In order for the examination to be graded when using a ~~an~~ Part B MBE score from a previous administration, the applicant must attend both ~~sessions of Part A~~ the MPT and MEE sessions at the designated location in Connecticut. Any applicant who does not attend both sessions of ~~Part A~~ the MPT and MEE will be deemed withdrawn from the examination and will not receive examination results.

(c) Except in extraordinary circumstances, applicants must remain in the examination room for the first hour of the examination.

(d) No applicant will be admitted to the examination more than 1 hour after the examination session begins. An applicant who fails to appear for one session of the examination shall not be admitted to a later session. Any applicant who is not present for both sessions of ~~Part A~~ the MPT and MEE will not be permitted to take ~~Part B~~ the MBE in Connecticut on the following day.

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Art. VI-10. APPLICATION REVIEW. The Committee establishes the following policies regarding review and approval of applications for admission ~~by examination:~~

a) Staff Review and Approval: Clear record; minor traffic violations (no felonies or misdemeanors); minor credit issues (no bankruptcy, judgment defaults or large loans in collection); honorable discharge from military; in good standing in each jurisdiction where admitted;

b) Committee review: All other cases

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ARTICLE X SCHEDULE OF FEES

Art. X. The following shall be the fees in connection with applications for admission to the bar:

(1) The application fee for admission by examination: \$750

(2) The application fee for admission by UBE score transfer: \$750

~~(2)~~ (3) Application fee for admission without examination: \$1,800

~~(3)~~ (4) Investigation under Sec. 2-8(8): \$50

~~(4)~~ (5) Copy of prior examination questions: \$15

~~(5)~~ (6) Copy of prior examination answers (includes questions): \$35

~~(6)~~ (7) Copy of applicant's application for admission by examination: \$15

~~(7)~~ (8) Copy of applicant's exam answers: \$20

~~(8)~~ (9) Transmittal of applicant's MBE score to another jurisdiction: \$25

~~(9)~~ (10) Replacement of examination scores and information: \$15

~~(10)~~ (11) Replacement of admission certificate: \$20

~~(11)~~ (12) Application fee for foreign legal consultant: \$500

~~(12)~~ (13) Application fee for registration as authorized house counsel: \$1000.

All fees must be made payable to the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee by certified check or money order; personal checks are not accepted.