

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
RECIPROCITY INFORMATION FOR THE TOP STATE BARS FOR GW LAW GRADUATES

The following is a chart of reciprocity information for the top eleven state bar jurisdictions sought by GW Law graduates (in order of popularity). It is not uncommon for states to change reciprocity rules from one exam to another. Accordingly, bar candidates must verify the reciprocity rules against information provided by each state bar for a specific bar exam. Each state web address is provided for your convenience. You may access all 50 State Bar web pages via www.ncbex.org.

STATE	RECIPROCITY INFORMATION
<p>New York</p> <p>www.nybarexam.org</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Accepts transfer of MBE scores from concurrent exams, or from a passing exam in another jurisdiction taken within 3 preceding administrations.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: Available to attorneys who have practiced law for five of the preceding seven years; graduated from an ABA-approved law school; and who are licensed to practice law in at least one jurisdiction that admits attorneys licensed in New York without examination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RECIPROCAL JURISDICTIONS</i> – Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, D.C., Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
<p>Virginia</p> <p>www.vbbe.state.va.us</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Does not allow MBE score transfer.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: Available if attorney is currently engaged in the active practice of law; has been so engaged for at least five of the preceding seven years; has adequate experience in the practice of law; has been admitted to practice in a jurisdiction that permits Virginia lawyers to be admitted to practice without examination in such jurisdiction; is in good standing; has held an unrestricted bar license for at least two years; has a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school; and intends, promptly after being admitted, to establish his or her law office in Virginia and practice full-time from such office.</p>

<p>Maryland</p> <p>www.courts.state.md.us</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Applicants may transfer a scaled MBE score from a concurrent exam only.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: No admission on motion.</p> <p>Eligibility for Admission by Attorney Examination: Attorneys may be eligible for admission by examination if they have practiced law as a principal means of support in another jurisdiction for 10 years, or at least 5 of the 10 years immediately preceding application; have been admitted by bar exam in another state; and intend to practice law in Maryland.</p>
<p>California</p> <p>www.calbar.org</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Does not allow transfer of MBE score from another jurisdiction.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: No admission on motion.</p> <p>Eligibility for Admission by Attorney Examination: Attorneys may apply for admission by attorney examination if they have been admitted to the active practice of law in a U.S. jurisdiction for at least 4 years immediately prior to the first day of the examination, and have been in good standing during that period.</p>
<p>Pennsylvania</p> <p>www.pabarexam.org</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Does not allow MBE score transfer.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: An attorney is eligible for admission on motion if he or she has earned a Bachelor of Laws or J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school; is a member of a bar in a jurisdiction that admits Pennsylvania lawyers without examination; is on active status, and in good standing, in such jurisdiction; has devoted a major portion of time and energy to the practice of law in such jurisdiction for five of the seven years preceding application; and has earned a scaled score of at least 75 on the MPRE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RECIPROCAL JURISDICTIONS</i> – Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, D.C., Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

<p>Illinois www.ibaby.org</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Applicant may transfer MBE score of at least 140 from another jurisdiction if from preceding two exams and applicant passed the bar exam in the jurisdiction where the MBE was taken; applicant may not have score transferred from a concurrent exam.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: Attorneys may be eligible for admission on motion if they have been admitted in another state or the District of Columbia; meet educational requirements; are licensed in a jurisdiction that grants reciprocal admission to Illinois attorneys on the basis of Illinois practice; have been actively and continuously engaged in the practice of law in the reciprocal jurisdiction for at least 5 of the 7 years immediately preceding filing of application; have passed the MPRE; and plan to engage in the active and continuous practice of law in Illinois.</p>
<p>Massachusetts www.mass.gov/bbe/</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Accepts raw MBE score from a concurrent exam only.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: To be eligible for admission on motion, attorneys must have been admitted in another jurisdiction for 5 years and practiced or taught law since prior admission; meet educational requirements; and have achieved a scaled score of 85 on the MPRE.</p>
<p>Florida www.floridabarexam.org</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Does not allow transfer of MBE score from another jurisdiction.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: No admission on motion; examination is required of all applicants.</p>
<p>New Jersey www.njbarexams.org</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Accepts transfer of scaled MBE scores only if exam is taken concurrently with the New Jersey local day.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: Restricted to qualified New Jersey law school professors.</p>

<p>Texas</p> <p>www.ble.state.tx.us</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: Does not allow MBE score transfer.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: Attorneys may be admitted without exam if they have a JD from an ABA-accredited law school; have actively engaged in the practice of law for at least 5 of the 7 years immediately preceding their application; have a valid, active Bar license; and have been a member in good standing at all times.</p>
<p>District of Columbia</p> <p>www.dcbar.org</p>	<p>Multi-State Bar Exam: MBE scaled scores of 133 or more may be transferred from another jurisdiction if achieved within preceding 25 months.</p> <p>Admission on Motion: An attorney can be admitted without examination if he or she (1) has been a member of another bar in good standing for at least 5 years immediately preceding application for admission on motion; or (2) has a J.D. from an ABA-approved law school, and has been admitted by examination in another jurisdiction with a scaled MBE score of 133 and an MPRE score of 75.</p>