

At its meeting on October 3, 2025, the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee adopted the following revisions to its regulations. These revisions were published in the Connecticut Law Journal on October 28, 2025, and become effective on January 26, 2026. Additions are signified by underlining; deletions are signified by strikeout.

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Art. I-1. MEETINGS.

The committee shall hold regular meetings ~~to determine and announce the results of the bar examinations at such time and place to be fixed by the chairperson.~~ Special meetings may be held upon reasonable notice at such time and place to be fixed by the chairperson. In the absence of the chairperson or in the event of ~~his or her~~ the chairperson's inability to act, the time and place of any meeting may be set by the director or by any three members.

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ARTICLE II - LAW STUDY

Art. II-1.

Approved law schools shall be the following:

(A) Those law schools approved or provisionally approved by the American Bar Association at the time the applicant receives ~~his or her~~ a law degree.

(B) Those law schools approved by the committee in accordance with the following requirements and with such policies and procedures from time-to-time established by said committee. In determining whether a law school should be approved by the committee under this subparagraph, the committee shall consider the following standards, requirements and criteria:

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(3) Whether the law school offers within its curriculum suitable courses in all of the subjects areas tested on the Connecticut bar examination as set forth in Article V-4 and Art. V(A)-4 hereof.

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Art. II-2.

All applicants must receive a Juris Doctor or equivalent law degree from an approved law school not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the examination for which the applicant has filed ~~his or her~~ an application and proof of receipt of that degree must be received in the administrative office not less than seven (7) days prior to said examination.

Art. II-3.

An applicant who has studied in a foreign country may qualify to apply for admission by submitting to the committee satisfactory proof of the legal education required by all subsections of this article.

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(F) Applicants for admission by examination must provide an official, final transcript setting forth the date the degree was conferred and all courses taken directly from the LL.M. degree granting law school not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the examination for which the applicant has filed ~~his or her~~ an application.

ARTICLE III - ADMISSION BY EXAMINATION AND ADMISSION BY TRANSFER OF A UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION SCORE

Art. III-1.

(A) The application to take the bar examination and for admission to the bar shall be filed between March 01 and April 30 for a July examination and between October 01 and November 30 for a February examination. Applications filed between March 01 and March 31 for a July examination or between October 01 and October 31 for a February examination shall be filed together with the fee prescribed by Article X-1(A)(1). Applications filed between April 01 and April 30 for a July examination or November 01 and November 30 for a February examination shall be filed together with the fee prescribed by Article X-1(A)(2).

(B) The application for admission by transfer of a Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) score shall be filed within five (5) years after attaining a total scaled score of two hundred sixty-six (266) or higher on the Legacy UBE or a total scaled score of six hundred sixteen (616) on the NextGen UBE taken in any jurisdiction, together with the fee prescribed by Article X-1(B). A score is considered to have been attained on the date of the administration of the UBE examination that resulted in the score. Applications for admission by transfer of a UBE score may be filed concurrently any time after an application to sit for the UBE examination in another jurisdiction is filed with that jurisdiction. Any such concurrent application for admission by transfer of a UBE score must include a copy of the application filed in the other UBE jurisdiction in which the applicant will take the Legacy UBE or NextGen UBE. Legacy UBE or NextGen UBE scores for such concurrent applications must be transferred to the administrative office no later than December 31 for a July exam and no later than June 30 for a February exam. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that ~~his or her~~ the qualifying Legacy UBE or NextGen UBE score is transferred to the administrative office 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 Practice Book-~~Section~~ § 2-8.

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ARTICLE V(A) – EXAMINATIONS

Beginning with the July 2026 administration of the Connecticut bar examination, the following provisions of this Article shall apply to the administration, content, and scoring of the bar examination.

Art. V(A)-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 one and a half days, with two sessions on the first day and one session on the second day.

Art. V(A)-2.

The examinations shall be in electronic format. Applicants must utilize a portable electronic device capable of operating the designated software to complete the examination and must follow the procedure set forth by the committee for registering such device prior to the examination. Applicants must complete all portable electronic device registration requirements not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the examination for which the applicant has filed an application. Failure to complete the registration requirements by the deadline shall result in rejection of the application for bar admission and the applicant shall not be permitted entry into the examination.

Art. V(A)-3.

An applicant may be examined at the examination next preceding the applicant's eighteenth birthday. If successful and otherwise qualified, the applicant shall be admitted to the bar only upon attaining the age of eighteen (18).

Art. V(A)-4.

The examination shall be the NextGen Uniform Bar Examination (UBE), prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), and each session shall be comprised of forty (40) Standalone Multiple-Choice Questions, two (2) Integrated Question Sets, and one (1) Performance Task. Standalone Multiple-Choice Questions are weighted 49%, Integrated Question Sets are weighted 21%, and Performance Tasks are weighted 30% of the final scaled NextGen UBE score. Applicants may be tested on any foundational concepts, principles, and lawyering skills listed by the NCBE to be tested on the NextGen UBE.

Art. V(A)-5.

(A) Bar examining committee graders shall grade all Integrated Question Sets and Performance Tasks. The NCBE shall grade all multiple-choice questions.

(B) All equating, scaling, and calculation of scores on the NextGen UBE shall be completed by the NCBE according to psychometric best-practices as determined by the NCBE. 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 scaled NextGen UBE score of six hundred sixteen (616) shall be the minimum passing score. An applicant's total scaled NextGen UBE score shall be expressed to the nearest whole number.

Art. V(A)-6.

All applicants taking the bar examination in Connecticut must sit for all sessions in Connecticut during the same administration of the examination and will receive a NextGen UBE score.

(A) An applicant taking the bar examination in Connecticut may request certification of a Legacy UBE or NextGen UBE score earned in Connecticut to another jurisdiction. An applicant requesting certification of a UBE score earned in Connecticut to another jurisdiction must submit such request to the NCBE.

(B) An applicant that took the bar examination in Connecticut before July 2026 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 submit such request to the administrative office and pay the fee prescribed in Article X-1(K).

Art. V(A)-7.

(A) In order for the examination to be graded, the applicant must attend all sessions at the designated location in Connecticut. Any applicant who does not attend all three (3) sessions of the examination will be deemed withdrawn from the examination and will not receive examination results.

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

(C) No applicant will be admitted to the examination once verbal instructions have started. An applicant who fails to appear for one (1) session of the examination shall not be admitted to a later session. Any applicant who is not present for both sessions on the first day will not be permitted entry on the following day.

Art. V(A)-8.

The committee shall meet at such time and place as may be fixed by the chairperson to determine the results of the examination. The director shall certify the names of the applicants who are recommended for admission to the bar.

Art. V(A)-9.

The director shall notify each applicant of the applicant's results on the examination. Notification to an applicant who fails to pass the examination shall include a statement of the applicant's scores on the examination and such other examination information as the committee shall from time to time determine.

ARTICLE VI - GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT OF CHARACTER AND FITNESS

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Art. VI-14. CHEATING AND OTHER DISHONEST CONDUCT.

(A) If it shall appear to the committee that there is credible evidence which would establish that an applicant has:

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(5) broken the seal on the question book, opened the question booklet, or reviewed the questions in the question book, or has accessed or attempted to access electronic bar examination material prior to the announcement that the examination has begun, or otherwise violated any of the oral or written instructions given in connection with the administration of the bar examination;

(6) possessed in any manner, reviewed and/or utilized any unauthorized notes, books, recordings, electronically retrievable data or other unauthorized materials during the bar examination, or secreted such materials for such use;

(7) written or designated any answers to questions on the bar examination prior to the announcement of the beginning of the examination session or written or designated any answers or other information on ~~an answer sheet or booklet~~ the examination after the announcement of the conclusion of the session;

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ARTICLE X - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. X-1. SCHEDULE OF FEES.

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

(A) Application fee for admission by examination:

(1) First filing deadline: ~~\$800~~ \$900

(2) Final filing deadline: ~~\$900~~ \$1,000

(B) Application fee for admission by UBE score transfer: ~~\$750~~ \$850

(C) Application fee for admission without examination: \$1,800

(D) Application fee for registration as authorized house counsel: ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,200

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