

At its meeting on January 31, 2025, the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee adopted the following revisions to its regulations. These revisions were published in the Connecticut Law Journal on February 18, 2025, and **become effective May 19, 2025**. Additions are signified by underlining; deletions are signified by strikeout.

ARTICLE I.
ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Art. I-4. SUBCOMMITTEE ON NON-STANDARD TESTING.

(A) There shall be a subcommittee on non-standard testing for each examination, which shall have the power to act for the committee, to be appointed by the chairperson, which subcommittee shall have the duty, power and authority to consider and act upon all petitions for non-standard testing and to determine the terms and conditions upon which non-standard testing will be provided to applicants.

(B) Petitions for non-standard testing shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the committee and shall be filed, together with such attachments as the committee may require, with the ~~administrative~~ director on or before April 30 for a July examination and on or before November 30 for a February examination. The subcommittee shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing.

ARTICLE II.
LAW STUDY

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.

(A) The applicant shall show successful completion of the educational requirements for admission to the practice of law in a country other than the United States by:

(1) successful completion of a period of study in a law school or schools each of which, throughout the period of the applicant's study therein, was approved by the government or an authorized accrediting body in such country, or of a political subdivision thereof, to award a first degree in law as evidenced by the report in subsection (C)(1) of this article.

(2) said program of study must be substantially equivalent in duration to the legal education provided by an American Bar Association approved law school in the United States.

(B) The applicant shall show successful completion of an LL.M. degree program at an American Bar Association or committee approved law school in the United States meeting the following requirements:

(1) The program shall consist of a minimum of twenty-four (24) credit hours (or the equivalent thereof, if the law school is on an academic schedule other than a conventional semester system) which, except as otherwise permitted herein, shall be in classroom courses at the law school in substantive and procedural law and professional skills;

(2) all coursework for the program shall be completed at the campus of an approved law school in the United States, except as otherwise expressly permitted in this section;

(3) The program completed by the applicant shall include:

(a) a minimum of two (2) credit hours in a course or courses in professional responsibility;

(b) a minimum of two (2) credit hours in legal research, writing and analysis, which may not be satisfied by a research and writing requirement in a substantive law course;

(c) a minimum of two (2) credit hours in American legal studies, the American legal system or a similar course designed to introduce students to distinctive aspects and/or fundamental principles of United States law, which may be satisfied by a course in United States constitutional law or Federal or state civil procedure; credit earned in such course in excess of the required two (2) credit hours may be applied in satisfaction of the requirements set forth in subsection (B)(3)(d); and

(d) a minimum of six (6) credit hours in other courses that principally focus on subject matter tested on the Connecticut bar examination as set forth in Article V-4.

(e) The program completed by the applicant may include a maximum of four (4) credit hours in clinical courses or externships, provided that the time and effort required and anticipated educational benefit are commensurate with the credit rewarded and

(i) the clinical course or externship includes a classroom instructional component in order to ensure contemporaneous discussion, review and evaluation of the clinical experience or externship; or

(ii) the clinical work or externship is done under the direct supervision of a member of the law school faculty.

(C) Petitions for determination on foreign education shall be ~~in writing on a~~ filed on the form prescribed by the committee ~~and shall be filed~~, together with such attachments as the committee may require, ~~with the director~~. An applicant must receive approval of his or her petition for determination on foreign education prior to filing an application for admission by examination, an application for admission by UBE score transfer, or an application for admission without examination. Applicants wishing to apply for admission by examination shall file a complete petition for determination on foreign education no later than April 01 for a July examination and no later than November 01 for a February examination. Incomplete petitions will not be considered. To be considered complete, a petition for determination on foreign education must be filed together with the following documentation:

(1) A course by course education evaluation report acceptable to the committee for every foreign law school attended;

(2) Official, final transcripts from all foreign undergraduate and foreign law schools attended;

(3) Copies of all diplomas or degree certificates from all foreign undergraduate and foreign law schools;

~~(4) Official transcript from the LL.M. degree granting law school, at which the applicant is currently enrolled in an LL.M. program or a statement from the applicant indicating that he or she is not currently enrolled in such a program or if the applicant is not currently enrolled in an LL.M. program, a statement explaining the applicant's intention to obtain an LL.M. degree in accordance with subsection (B) of this Article; and~~

~~(5) The fee prescribed by Article X-1(G). Applicants who receive approval of their petition for determination on foreign education may apply for admission by examination, admission by UBE score transfer, or admission without examination for the standard application fee.~~

~~(D) The committee may, in its discretion, require submission of official course descriptions for courses taken at the LL.M. degree granting law school.~~

~~(E) The committee shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing. Applicants who receive approval of their petition for determination on foreign education may apply for admission by examination, admission by UBE score transfer, or admission without examination for the standard application fee.~~

~~(D) (F) Upon the committee's approval of the petition for determination on foreign education, an application for admission may be filed. Applicants for admission by examination must provide the following 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 application.~~

~~(1) Official, final transcript from the LL.M. degree granting law school setting forth the date the degree was conferred and all courses taken; and~~

~~(2) Copies of official course descriptions for all courses taken at the LL.M. degree granting school.~~

Art. I-4. SUBCOMMITTEE ON NON-STANDARD ARTICLE V. EXAMINATIONS

Art. V-6.

All applicants taking the bar examination in Connecticut must sit for the MPT, MEE, and the MBE in Connecticut during the same administration of the examination and will receive a UBE score.

(A) An applicant taking the bar examination in Connecticut may request certification of a 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 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 submit such request to the administrative office and pay the fee prescribed in Article X-1(L)(K).

ARTICLE VI.
GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT
OF CHARACTER AND FITNESS

Art. VI-5. PROCEDURES.

(A) The applicant shall be given the opportunity to demonstrate present good moral character and fitness to practice law despite particular past conduct.

(B) When the committee has information weighing against a determination of good moral character and fitness to practice law:

(1) The applicant shall be notified of the information, and

(2) The applicant shall be provided the opportunity to submit such material as the applicant deems appropriate.

(C) When an applicant's past conduct raises a question as to his or her character and fitness, the committee will take into consideration the following:

(1) The number of incident(s) (offenses); i.e. whether single, sporadic or repeated;

(2) The seriousness of the incident(s) (offenses) and the degree of moral turpitude involved;

(3) The time of commission; e.g. whether recent or remote past;

(4) The age of the applicant at the time of the incident(s) (offenses);

(5) Any mitigating circumstances;

(6) The opinion of others about the applicant's moral character and fitness;

(7) Evidence of rehabilitation;

(8) Activities, jobs and civil service;

(9) Any other pertinent information; e.g. degree of remorse.

(D) If the applicant establishes present good moral character and fitness to practice law despite past conduct, the committee will certify the applicant.

(E)(1) If the character and fitness subcommittee believes there are matters which may indicate a lack of good moral character and/or fitness to practice law, a formal hearing may be scheduled. In determining whether a formal hearing on character and fitness is necessary, the subcommittee, or any member thereof, may elect to conduct an interview with the applicant, who may be represented by counsel.

(2) The character and fitness subcommittee may elect to hold an application in abeyance for a set period of time if there is a pending criminal charge, significant pending litigation, an outstanding judgment, defaulted or delinquent student loan, or other unresolved issue(s) pertaining to character and fitness. When the period of abeyance expires, the applicant shall submit evidence of resolution together with a Form 1S Supplemental Affidavit Updating Original Application by

the deadline set by the subcommittee. Any application for which the evidence of resolution and Form 1S supplemental affidavit are not submitted by the deadline shall be deemed withdrawn by the applicant. The deadline may be extended by the subcommittee upon good cause shown by the applicant. Any request for an extension must be filed by the applicant ~~not less than thirty (30) days~~ before the deadline.

(3) If the committee determines that a formal hearing is necessary it shall prepare written specifications and notify the applicant ~~which shall be sent to the applicant by certified mail~~. The specifications shall provide the date, time and location of the hearing and shall state in detail the matters to be inquired into and the facts, which, if proved, would form the basis of the committee's determination of lack of good moral character and/or fitness. The specifications shall advise the applicant that the hearing shall be recorded and that he or she may be represented by counsel. However, an applicant may request a waiver of a formal hearing if the applicant is in agreement with the terms of the committee's recommendation of admission with conditions as provided in Practice Book ~~§§ Sections 2-9 and 2-11~~.

(4) The formal hearing shall be conducted before a panel of the committee consisting of at least three (3) members appointed by the chairperson which shall have the power to act for the committee. Following the conclusion of the formal hearing, the applicant shall be permitted to withdraw his or her application until an oral or written decision is rendered by the panel. The panel shall make its findings of fact and decision for or against the admission of the applicant. The applicant shall be notified of the findings of fact and decision. If the hearing is not completed within six (6) months of its commencement through no fault of the committee, the application shall be deemed to be withdrawn by the applicant. Said six (6) month period may be extended by the committee upon good and sufficient cause shown by the applicant. A request for an extension must be filed by the applicant ~~not less than thirty (30) days~~ before the expiration of the six month period.

(5) Any applicant who is aggrieved by the panel's decision may, within sixty (60) days ~~after receipt of notice~~ of the panel's written decision, file with the administrative office a petition for reconsideration. The petition must contain new and additional material which the panel has not previously considered. Only one such petition for reconsideration may be filed. Within sixty (60) days of the filing receipt of the petition for reconsideration, the committee shall make its findings of fact and decision recommendation for or against the admission of the applicant. The applicant shall be notified of the findings of fact and decision recommendation.

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Art. VI-12. REAPPLICATION AFTER DENIAL.

(A) An applicant who is denied admission to the bar for lack of good moral character and/or fitness shall not be permitted to reapply within two (2) years of denial; the denial may specify a longer period of time. An applicant so denied shall be required to either retake and pass the bar examination or apply for admission on motion or by UBE score transfer or through military spouse licensure or apply for Authorized House Counsel or Foreign Legal Consultant status if qualified.

(B) An applicant who is denied certification as an Authorized House Counsel or Foreign Legal Consultant for lack of good moral character and/or fitness shall not be permitted to reapply within one (1) year of denial; the denial may specify a longer period of time. An applicant so denied shall be required to either apply for Authorized House Counsel or Foreign Legal Consultant status, or

take and pass the bar examination or apply for admission on motion or by UBE score transfer or through military spouse licensure if qualified.

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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:

(1) either by omission or commission falsified the application or proofs required for admission to the bar examination or misrepresented the applicant's eligibility to sit for the bar examination;

(2) either by omission or commission falsified the proofs required for admission to practice with or without examination or upon UBE score transfer or through military spouse licensure or for certification as an Authorized House Counsel or a Foreign Legal Consultant;

(3) either by omission or commission falsified documentation submitted in support of a request for test accommodations under Article I-4 or secured such documentation under false pretenses;

(4) brought unauthorized items or materials into the examination room or otherwise violated the committee's examination security policy;

(5) broken the seal on the question book, opened the question booklet, or reviewed the questions in the question book 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 after the announcement of the conclusion of the session;

(8) sought, obtained or used answers or information from or given answers or information to another applicant or any other person during the bar examination;

(9) removed any examination materials or notes made during the examination from the examination room;

(10) memorized questions for the purpose of reporting and/or reported the substance of questions to any person or entity engaged in, or affiliated with any person or entity engaged in, the preparation of applicants to take the bar examination or otherwise violated the copyright protection afforded to bar examination materials;

(11) engaged in fraud, dishonesty or other misconduct in connection with an application to or the administration of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) or to a bar examination of any other jurisdiction; or

(12) compromised or disrupted the process for admission to or administration of the bar examination; the committee shall ~~notify the applicant of the written charges serve written charges on such applicant by mail at the last address provided to the committee by the applicant~~, stating with particularity the facts upon which such charges are based. The applicant's examination results shall be withheld pending the determination of the charges by the committee.

(B) The applicant, no later than thirty (30) days after ~~notice the service of the charges~~, shall file with ~~cause to be delivered to the administrative office an answer, signed under oath, to such charges signed under oath or penalty of false statement~~. Such answer shall identify with specificity the charges disputed by the applicant, who shall set forth any evidence which can be adduced by the applicant in contradiction of such charges. The applicant may include in such written answer a request that the committee hold a hearing.

(C) In the event such applicant does not submit an answer signed under oath or penalty of false statement as provided in Subsection (B), the committee shall deem the facts set forth in the written charges to be true.

(D) In the event such applicant does not request a hearing, and the committee does not on its own motion determine to conduct a hearing, the committee shall make a determination based on the evidence submitted. For all matters presented to the committee, the rules of evidence shall be as in other administrative proceedings as set forth in the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act. The committee shall have the burden of proof by the preponderance of the evidence.

(E) If the applicant shall request a hearing, or if the committee, on its own motion, determines to conduct a hearing, the committee shall set a date for a hearing before a panel of the committee consisting of at least three (3) members appointed by the chairperson which shall have the power to act for the committee. Reasonable notice of the hearing shall be provided to the applicant.

(F) If the applicant shall be found guilty by reason of:

(1) applicant's admission that such charges are true, in whole or in part; or

(2) applicant's default in answering the written charges, in whole or in part; or

(3) determination of the committee, after a hearing, or where no hearing was conducted, after the committee's review of the evidence submitted, such determination shall be set forth in the committee's written decision and one or more of the following penalties, and any other penalty which the committee may deem appropriate, may be imposed:

(a) nullification of the examination taken or the application made by such applicant;

(b) disqualification of the applicant from taking the Connecticut Bar Examination or applying for admission on motion or by UBE score transfer or through military spouse licensure or for certification as an Authorized House Counsel or a Foreign Legal Consultant for a period of five (5) years from the date of such admission or determination, unless the committee articulates reasons for a lesser period of time;

(c) invalidation or striking of one or more answers of the examination taken by such applicant, or the reduction of applicant's final score by one or more points; and/or

(d) transmission of a written report of the matter to the bar admission authority and/or disciplinary authority in every jurisdiction of the United States and, where applicable, to any foreign jurisdiction deemed appropriate by the committee.

(G) The committee shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing as soon as practicable.

(H) The applicant shall be entitled to be represented and advised by counsel, at his or her own expense, at every stage of the proceeding. Any person who voluntarily appears or who is compelled to attend, and submit proof or testimony, at any hearing held pursuant to Subsection (E) of this Article shall be entitled to be represented and advised by counsel, at his or her own expense.

ARTICLE IX. TIMELY FILING

Art. IX-1.

(A) Failure to file any required document in a timely manner may result in a delay in or a denial of the applicant's admission to the bar. Any application not completed within one (1) year of its filing shall be deemed to be withdrawn by the applicant. This one year period may be extended by the committee upon good cause shown by the applicant. Any request for extension must be filed by the applicant ~~not less than thirty (30) days~~ before the expiration of the one (1) year period.

(B) Failure to file an amendment in a timely manner may result in a delay in or a denial of the applicant's admission to the bar. An amendment is considered timely when made within thirty (30) days of any occurrence, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours before being sworn in, that would change or render incomplete any answer on the application.

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Art. IX-3.

If an application remains pending before the committee for character and fitness review for six (6) months from the date of the notice of such review, the applicant shall provide information requested by the committee updating the application. Failure to provide the requested information within three (3) months thereafter will render the application deemed withdrawn by the applicant. This three (3) month period may be extended by the committee upon good cause shown by the applicant. A request for extension must be submitted by the applicant ~~not less than thirty (30) days~~ before the expiration of the three (3) month period.

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Art. IX-5.

In the absence of good cause shown to the contrary, failure to respond to inquiries by the committee after referral for further inquiry pursuant to Article VI or to make a timely request for an extension of time to respond to such inquiries shall result in the application being deemed withdrawn. The committee shall notify the applicant in writing ~~at the applicant's last known correspondence address.~~

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
 - (2) Final filing deadline: \$900
- (B) Application fee for admission by UBE score transfer: \$750
- (C) Application fee for admission without examination: \$1,800
- (D) Application fee for registration as authorized house counsel: \$1000
- (E) Military Spouse Temporary Licensing:
 - (1) Application Fee: \$750
 - (2) Renewal Fee: \$300
- (F) Application fee for foreign legal consultant: \$500
- (G) Petition for determination on foreign education: \$500
- (H) Copy of prior examination answers (includes questions): \$35
- (I) Copy of applicant's application: \$15
- (J) ~~Copy of applicant's written answers: \$20~~
- ~~(K)~~ Confirmation of applicant's written scores: \$10
- ~~(L)~~ (K) Transmittal of applicant's MBE score to another jurisdiction: \$25
- ~~(M)~~ (L) Replacement of examination scores and information: \$15
- ~~(N)~~ (M) Replacement of admission certificate: \$20