



**THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
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**MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION
REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA**

In addition to passing the California Bar Examination, applicants for admission to practice law in California must take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) in accordance with Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 5 of the *Rules of the State Bar of California (Admissions Rules)*. The MPRE is developed and administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). The examination is a sixty-item (50 scored questions and 10 nonscored pretest questions), two-hour multiple-choice examination administered three times each year at established test centers across the country. More information regarding the examination, including states for administration and applying to take the examination is provided by the NCBE through the following link:

<http://www.ncbex.org/about-ncbe-exams/mpre/>

Applicants may take the MPRE at any time after completing their first year of law school **and** after registering with the Committee of Bar Examiners, which must be done online through the Admissions' portion of The State Bar of California's website at admissions.calbar.ca.gov. There are no time limits for taking the MPRE in connection with an applicant's qualification for admission to practice law in California, although the requirement must be satisfied before a motion is made to the Supreme Court of California certifying eligibility to practice law in California. Applicants must achieve a minimum scaled score of 86 to be considered as having passed the MPRE. Applicants must provide verification of their MPRE scores to the State Bar's Office of Admissions through one of the following ways:

1. If exam taken in 1999 or later, submit a request to the NCBE that the score be transferred to California, which may be in connection with taking the examination initially or later; or
2. If exam taken prior to 1999, provide verification from the jurisdiction in which they were admitted that they received an MPRE scaled score of 86 or better; or
3. If exam taken prior to 1999, provide a copy of the MPRE score they received that confirms they received a scaled score of 86 or better on the MPRE, accompanied by a statement from the applicants signed under penalty of perjury that the report accurately reflects what they received.

It is necessary for an applicant to request that his/her score be reported or transferred to California. Simply being a California applicant or resident will not cause this to occur.