



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

The minimum Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) score required for admission to practice law in California is a scaled score of at least 86, which score became effective January 1, 2008. Applicants who took the examination prior to January 1, 2008, who received a scaled score of at least 79 will be considered as having met the MPRE requirement under the standard that was in place at the time they took the examination.

In addition to passing the California Bar Examination, applicants for admission to practice law in California must take and pass the MPRE in accordance with Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 5 of the *Rules of the State Bar of California (Admissions Rules)*. The MPRE is assembled and administered by ACT, Inc., on behalf of the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). The examination is a sixty item two-hour multiple-choice examination administered three times each year at established test centers across the country. For more information, applicants should go to the NCBE Web site at <http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mpre/>. Applicants can register to take the test by going to www.act.org/mpre. Applications are not available through the Office of Admissions, but MPRE information packets generally are available at law schools.

Applicants may take the examination anytime after completing their first year of study **and** after registering with the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee), which must be done online through the Admissions' portion of The State Bar of California's Website at www.calbar.ca.gov/admissions. All questions concerning the administration and/or grading of this examination should be directed to the offices of the NCBE in accordance with the information that is published on its Website.

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.

To avoid delays in an applicant's admission to practice law if he/she is successful on the California Bar Examination, he/she should ensure that: 1) he/she has registered with the Committee before taking the MPRE; 2) that the correct registration number is included on the MPRE application form; 3) that he/she has requested that the score be reported to California; and, 4) that the examination is taken and the required minimum scaled score has been achieved at least three months prior to the release of results from the California Bar Examination.

Requests for an MPRE application packet, completed application materials, as well as all other correspondence, inquiries, and requests concerning application materials and the administration and processing of the MPRE should be directed to:

National Conference of Bar Examiners
MPRE Application Department
301 ACT Drive
PO Box 4001
Iowa City, IA 52243-4001
Phone: 319-341-2500
TDD for Persons with Hearing Impairments:
319-337-1701 (must call from a TDD)

Questions concerning MPRE scores should always include Social Security number, birth date, test date, and signature. Inquiries should be directed to:

National Conference of Bar Examiners
MPRE Records Department
PO Box 451
Iowa City, IA 52243-0451
Phone: 319-337-1304
TDD for Persons with Hearing Impairments:
319-337-1701 (must call from a TDD)

Correspondence and inquiries regarding policy, research, and test development should be directed to:

National Conference of Bar Examiners
PO Box 168
Iowa City, IA 52243-0168

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