

## Division 12. Minimum, Cumulative Bar Examination Pass Rate

### 12.1 Criteria for Determining Compliance with Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M).

In evaluating the compliance of a law school with the accreditation standard set forth in Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M), a law school must maintain a minimum, cumulative bar examination pass rate (MPR) of at least 40 percent for the most recent five-year reporting period ~~of time~~. The rate will be calculated and reported annually to the Committee on or before July 1st ~~January 15th~~ July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following each reporting period.

To calculate and report its MPR accurately, the law school must use the following reporting period and methodology: The "reporting period" covers the five most-recent twelve-month periods (July August 1 through ~~June~~ July 31~~30~~) prior to the calendar year in which the MPR is reported to the Committee.

For purposes of MPR calculation, a "qualified taker for the reporting period" includes any student who both graduates from the law school during the reporting period, and takes any administration of the California Bar Exam (CBX) during the reporting period or the first February administration after the reporting period that was also no more than 10 administrations after the taker's graduation. A student who does not meet both requirements is not a qualified taker for the purpose of the MPR report and is not to be included in the calculation of a law school's MRP.

~~and it includes the pass/fail results of all the students who graduate during this period. The reporting period starts with the July administration of the California Bar Examination in the first year and ends with the February administration of the California Bar Examination in the same calendar year in which a MPR is reported.~~

~~The methodology to be used to calculate a compliant MPR is a percentage of the total number of the a law school's graduates who take and pass any one of the ten administrations of the California Bar Examination during the reporting period, divided by the total number of the school's graduates over the same five year reporting period who take the California Bar Examination.~~

A law school's MRP is to be calculated as a fraction that is the sum of all qualified takers for the reporting period who passed any administration of the CBX during the reporting period or the first February administration after the reporting period that was no more than 10 administrations after the taker's graduation (the numerator) divided by the sum of all qualified taker for the reporting period who, whether they passed or failed, took any administration of the California Bar Exam (CBX) during the reporting period or the first February administration after the reporting period that was also no more than 10 administrations after the taker's graduation (the denominator), with the resulting numeral being expressed as a percentage. ~~Graduates who choose not to take any bar examination will not be included.~~

12.2 Action Taken When a Law School is in Noncompliance with Guideline 12.1.

If the Committee finds that a law school is not in compliance with this Guideline, it will issue a Notice of ~~an~~ Noncompliance pursuant to Rule 4.170.

~~[Mandatory reporting of the MPR will initially begin on September 15, 2014 with a reporting period that starts with the July 2009 administration of the California Bar Examination and ends with the July 2013 administration of the February 2014 California Bar Examination. Starting in 2015, mandatory reports will be due by July 1 of each calendar year, thereafter.]~~

An accredited law school must submit its MPR calculation using the Committee's form. The Committee may issue a Notice of Noncompliance to an accredited law school that is not in compliance with Guideline 12.1 by ~~July 1~~ September 15, 2014. A law school that fails to report compliance with Guideline 12.1 in its 2016 MPR Report will be placed on probation by the Committee pursuant to Rule 4.172; a law school placed on probation that does not meet the terms of its probation by the end of 2017 will be subject to the loss of its accreditation.]

Guideline 12.1 & 12.2 adopted effective: ~~April 26, 2014~~