



### **BARBRI's Illinois Fast Facts!**

#### **What is the format of the Illinois Bar Exam?**

Illinois administers the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE), and it is administered twice each year. This is a 2 day exam (Tuesday and Wednesday) the last week in February and July. The winter dates are February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>; the summer dates are July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Your first day is worth 50% and is your essay day (30% MEE, 20% MPT). Your second day is multiple choice and is worth 50%.

#### **What score do I need to get to pass in IL?**

You need a minimum score of 266.

#### **How much will it cost me to sit for the IL Bar Exam?**

The cost to sit for the IL bar exam is \$950 (for the first deadline), \$1,150 (for the second deadline), or \$1,450 (for the final deadline). Additionally, there is a laptop fee that the IL BOLE will contact registered applicants about closer to the exam.

Don't forget, you may need to budget for a hotel for 2-3 nights (Monday-Tuesday or Monday-Wednesday) if you are not living close to your designated test center.

#### **Where do I take the IL Bar Exam?**

Assuming that the IL BOLE determines that it is safe to administer exams in person in 2021, the location(s) will be announced a few months before the exam. Most recently, it has been administered at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

#### **When do I complete Character and Fitness?**

Character and Fitness is completed concurrently with your application. Most of the application will be completed online at [ilbaradmissions.org](http://ilbaradmissions.org). All applicants must submit paper copies of a current driving record from all states licensed to drive within the last 10 years. All electronic forms must be submitted, and paper copies and any required fees must be postmarked by the deadline for the application to be considered timely.

#### **What score do I need to get on the MPRE?**

You must score at least 80.

#### **When do I need to take the MPRE if I want to sit for IL?**

You can take the MPRE before or after you apply for the exam. However, if you do not have a passing score by the time your bar results come out, you will not be able to become a licensed attorney until you do.



Is there guidance on IL's BOLE site to help me through this?

Yes! Here it is: <https://www.ilbaradmissions.org/appinfo.action?id=1>

I am not taking the IL bar, but I am sitting for another UBE state. Do I need to sit for IL to become licensed in IL if I sit for the UBE in another jurisdiction?

Transferred UBE scores will be eligible for admission in IL if taken within 4 years. An applicant must achieve a score of 266 or higher regardless of UBE jurisdiction to qualify for admission and will be required to prove that they have achieved a qualifying score on the MPRE.

What if I have questions about BARBRI, the MPRE course, or the bar exam?

Feel free to contact me, or your BARBRI student rep with questions!

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