



## **BARBRI's New York Fast Facts!**

### What is the format of the NY Bar Exam?

New York 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 NY?

You need a minimum score of 266.

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

The cost to sit for the NY bar exam for JDs is \$250 (exam fee), and a \$100 laptop fee. The cost to sit for the NY bar exam for foreign attorneys is \$750 (exam fee), and a \$100 laptop fee. 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 NY Bar Exam?

Assuming that the NY BOLE determines that it is safe to administer exams in person in 2021, applicants should plan on sitting for the exam in New York City, Albany, White Plains, Buffalo, and Saratoga Springs.

### Will I have a choice of my course location?

Yes and no. Assignments will be based on availability and a first come, first serve basis; however first-time applicants who graduate with a JD from New York State law schools will be given the first opportunity to select the city in which they want to sit (not the actual testing site); all others (approximately 24-48 hours later), including LLM's and out of state applicants, will then have the opportunity to select a city from what remains. This is coordinated by email sometime after the application period closes (typically in late December for those taking the Winter exam, and early June for those taking the Summer exam) requiring registrants to select and confirm their seat location. Only locations with available seats will be listed in the email and since there will be no waiting lists for any location, you must select one from the choices made available to you. Generally, applicants who attend law schools outside of NY are not usually able to get a seat in NYC.

### What is the New York Law Course (NYLC) and the New York Law Exam (NYLE)?

Applicants must complete the NYLC and NYLE. The NYLC is an online, on demand course consisting of approximately 15 hours of videotaped lectures with embedded questions. The NYLE is a 50 item, two-hour, open book, multiple choice online exam administered at select dates and times throughout the year. The passing score for the NYLE is 60% (an applicant must answer 30 out of 50 questions correctly). Written materials are available on the New York Board of Law Examiners website. Applicants can take the NYLC and NYLE up to one year before or three years after sitting for the UBE, subject to the



application filing deadline of the Court of Appeals (requires filing within 3 years from the date when the applicant sits for the UBE). Applicants must complete the NYLC before they can register for the NYLE.

There is no fee for the NYLC, but there is a \$27 fee for the NYLE payable to Examssoft.

<https://www.nybarexam.org/Content/CourseMaterials.htm>

What score do I need to get on the MPRE?

You must score at least 85.

When do I need to take the MPRE if I want to sit for NY?

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.

What is the Pro Bono Requirement?

All applicants, except those on motion, must complete 50 hours of qualifying Pro Bono work. Applicants can complete this before or after the bar exam, but you will not be able to become a licensed attorney until you do.

<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/baradmissionregs.shtml>

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

Yes! Here it is: <https://www.nybarexam.org/UBE/UBE.html>

I will need accommodations for the bar exam. What guidelines should I follow?

Please go here: <https://www.nybarexam.org/ADA/ADA.htm>

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

Transferred UBE scores will be eligible for admission in New York if taken within 36 months. An applicant must achieve a score of 266 or higher regardless of UBE jurisdiction in order to qualify for admission and will be required to prove that they have achieved a qualifying score on the MPRE. The NYLC and NYLE will be an additional requirement. There is an \$250 fee for this for JDs, \$750 for foreign attorneys.

<https://www.nybarexam.org/TUBE.html>

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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