



BARBRI's Texas Fast Facts!

What is the format of the Texas Bar Exam?

Texas, starting February 2021, will administer the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE). The UBE 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 23rd & 24th; the summer dates are July 27th & 28th. 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 on the bar to pass in TX?

You need a minimum score of 270.

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

Some of the cost to sit for the TX bar exam are the \$150 (application fee), a \$40 fingerprint fee, and a \$50 laptop fee. All potential fees can be found here: <https://ble.texas.gov/rule18>.

Also, don't forget that 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 TX Bar Exam?

Assuming that the DC BOLE determines that it is safe to administer exams in person in 2021, applicants should plan on sitting for the exam at some or all of the following locations: Houston (NRG Center), Arlington (Esports Stadium Arlington), Austin (Palmer Events Center), San Antonio, Lubbock, and Waco.

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 TX?

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.

Do I need an ATLAS account to apply for to the TX bar?

Yes – if you have not already, create your account here: <https://ble.Texas.gov/registration>. Remember, you must submit a "Declaration for Intent to Study Law" through your ATLAS account. You'll apply for the bar exam through your ATLAS account, and submit all required documents to your ATLAS account throughout the bar exam process.



What is the Texas Law Component?

In addition to the TX bar exam, the Texas Law Component is a licensing requirement established by Rule 2(a)(8) and Rule 5. It is satisfied by completing the Texas Law Course (TLC), which is a series of video presentations on Texas law from experienced Texas attorneys.

There is no cost for the course, but you'll need to register as a user of TexasBarCLE before you can register for the Texas Law Course. Go to www.texasbarcle.com/TBLE, click "Register Now," and follow the prompts.

To complete the TLC, you will watch a series of lectures and answer some "hurdle questions" at the end of each segment. The hurdle questions are designed to ensure that you have a minimal level of comprehension of the segment you just watched. The questions are not intended to be tricky, difficult, or hard. If you pay attention to each lecture you'll be able to get through the hurdle questions. You must successfully answer most of the hurdle questions to proceed to the next segment. The total length of the presentations is approximately 12 hours.

Applicants may complete the TLC up to one year before taking the bar exam and up to two years after passing the bar exam in Texas. This means if you are a 3L planning on taking the TX bar in 2021, you can get the TLC out of the way now! If you're a 2L, wait until your 3L year.

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

Yes! Here it is: <https://ble.texas.gov/bar-exam-application>

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

Transferred UBE scores of 270 or greater will be eligible for admission in TX if the score was earned within 2 years preceding the filing of an application, or within 5 years preceding the filing of the application if the applicant has been actively engaged in the practice of law as their primary occupation for at least 2 of the past 3 years.

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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