

Navigating U.S. Bar Exam Requirements for Foreign-Trained LL.M. Students

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General Information

- National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) and ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar publish the Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements 2012 at http://www.ncbex.org/assets/media_files/Comp-Guide/CompGuide.pdf. See especially Chart 4 for a summary of different states' eligibility requirements for foreign law school graduates to sit for bar exams
- NCBE's comprehensive summary of 2010 bar exam pass rates and other information: http://www.ncbex.org/assets/media_files/Statistics/2010Stats110111.pdf

New York

- Homepage: <http://www.nybarexam.org/>
- Foreign Legal Education: <http://www.nybarexam.org/Foreign/ForeignLegalEducation.htm>
- 2011 Rule Amendments: http://www.nybarexam.org/Docs/Amended_Rule.pdf
- Comparison of "Cure Provision" of prior rule and new rule: <http://www.nybarexam.org/Docs/ComparisonRule520.6.pdf>
- Content Outline for the New York State Bar Examination: <http://www.nybarexam.org/Docs/CONTENT%20OUTLINE%20%28revised%20May%202010%29.pdf>
- Request for Evaluation of Foreign Academic Credentials: <https://www.nybarapply.org/feval/>

California

- Future lawyers page: <http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/>
- Foreign Legal Consultants: <http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/Requirements/ForeignLegalConsultantsFLC.aspx>
- Rules (see rule 4.30): <http://rules.calbar.ca.gov/>

Massachusetts

- Homepage: <http://www.mass.gov/bbe/>
- Foreign Law School Graduates: <http://www.mass.gov/bbe/foreigneducated.pdf>
- NALP Bulletin article on Foreign-Lawyer Qualification in Massachusetts:

<https://www.nalp.org/viewbulletin/index.cfm?bulletinID=382&documentID=2983&CFID=43012022&CFTOKEN=36306992>

Washington, D.C.

- Homepage: <http://www.dcappeals.gov/dccourts/appeals/coa/index.jsp>
- Application for Special Legal Consultant: http://www.dcappeals.gov/dccourts/appeals/coa/application_consultant.jsp