

Effective November 30, 2017, the Supreme Court of Florida has approved a change to the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar that will allow applicants for admission to The Florida Bar to transfer Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) scores attained in other jurisdictions to Florida provided that the score meets the minimum passing score for Florida under rule 4-26.2 (currently a scaled score of 136) and the score was attained within 25 months of passing both Part A of the General Bar Examination and the MPRE as required under rule 4-18.1.

If you are a first time taker of the examination in Florida, are currently scheduled to take both parts of the General Bar Examination in February 2018 or July 2018, and have a qualifying score on the MBE, you may transfer your MBE score to Florida and take Part A, only, of the General Bar Examination. Please be advised that passing the General Bar Examination utilizing the Overall Method (taking both parts of the General Bar Examination during the same administration of the examination) may be slightly easier because the scores on each part are averaged. If you choose to transfer your MBE score and take Part A only, you must achieve the required scaled score of 136 on Part A. The fees to apply for admission to The Florida Bar and take any portion of the General Bar Examination are not impacted by this change.

If you are currently scheduled to re-take the General Bar Examination in part or in whole and have a qualifying MBE score, you may transfer that score to Florida. In the case where a passing MBE score was the only portion of the Florida Bar Examination that had not been passed, a refund of the re-examination fee will be issued.

If you have a qualifying score on the MBE, are currently scheduled to take an examination, and would like to transfer to the board, please take the following steps:

1. Contact the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) to have that score transferred to Florida; the NCBE website is www.ncbex.org/ncbe-exam-score-services/mbe-score-services

or

Contact the jurisdiction where you obtained your MBE score to have that score sent directly to the board's office, only if the NCBE does not provide that service for that jurisdiction. Applicants are required to use the form available on the board's website and must forward that to the jurisdiction for completion.

Copies of score reports received from applicants will not satisfy the requirements of the rule. MBE scores must be received directly from the NCBE or the jurisdiction where the examination was administered.

2. Notify the board in writing as to whether you will be postponing from Part B (MBE) of the examination.

For February 2018 examinees, these items must be received in the board's office by January 15, 2018.

For July 2018 examinees, these items must be received in the board's office by June 15, 2018.

If you are not currently scheduled to take the General Bar Examination but do have a qualifying MBE score that you want to transfer to Florida, follow the directions under number 1 above. Scores received by the board in advance of a bar application being filed will be maintained by the board until the bar application is received.