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JULY 2020 BAR EXAM: JURISDICTION INFORMATION

The following jurisdictions have made announcements about changes regarding the July 2020 bar exam. We will continue to update this page as we receive information from the jurisdictions. See our NCBE COVID-19 Updates (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/ncbe-covid-19-updates/) page for more information about the coronavirus and NCBE exams and services. To contact a jurisdiction directly, see Jurisdiction Information (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/jurisdiction-information/).

July 2020 Bar Exam Status by Jurisdiction

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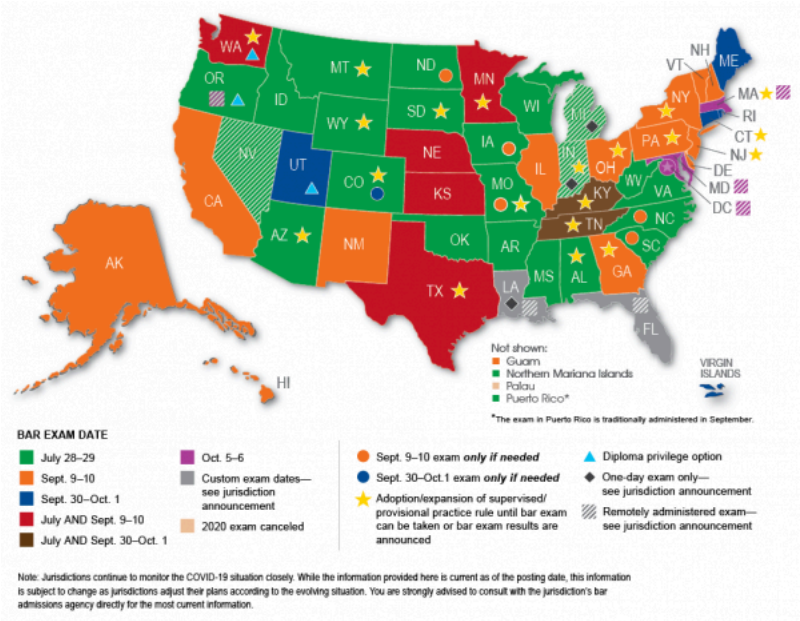
The following map shows the current status of the July 2020 bar exam in each jurisdiction. The same information is also available in table format (/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/ncbe-covid-19-updates/july-2020-bar-exam-jurisdiction-information/status-table/). Below the map is a list of jurisdiction announcements in alphabetical order.

Note: Jurisdictions continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely. While the information provided here is current as of the posting date, this information is subject to change as jurisdictions adjust their plans according to the evolving situation. You are strongly advised to consult with the jurisdiction's bar admissions agency directly for the most current information.



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Alabama

The Supreme Court of Alabama issued an order (pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F247) on May 8 making certain temporary exceptions to the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar. The order also makes **temporary exceptions to the Alabama Rule for Legal Internship by Law Students,** which allows third-year law students to perform many functions of a licensed attorney under the supervision of an attorney licensed in Alabama. The order allows any applicant for the July 2020 bar exam to participate as a student intern, and it allows participation to the earlier of (1) the student intern's date of admission to the Alabama State Bar, or (2) the date of release of results for the February 2021 Alabama bar exam. The exam is **still currently scheduled for July 28-29.**

Alaska

The Alaska Bar Association has announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://admissions.alaskabar.org/news.action?id=421) that the exam will be **held on September 9-10.**

Arizona

The Arizona Supreme Court issued an order on April 6 authorizing the **emergency adoption of court rule changes allowing law school students and recent graduates the limited ability to practice law** in Arizona under the supervision of an attorney licensed in Arizona. A link to the order is available in Chief Justice Robert M. Brutinell's letter (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/26/admis/2020/Letter.2020%20Law%20School%20Graduate..pdf?ver=2020-04-07-104839-383) to 2020 law graduates. The exam is **still currently scheduled for July 28-29.**

Arkansas

The Arkansas Supreme Court announced on April 30 that it plans, through the State Board of Law Examiners, to **administer the exam in July. If the exam cannot be administered in July, the exam will be rescheduled for September.**

California

The Supreme Court of California announced in an April 27 news release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://newsroom.courts.ca.gov/news/california-supreme-court-orders-bar-exam-delayed-administered-online) that the exam will be **postponed to September 9-10.**

Colorado

On May 14, the Colorado Supreme Court announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/Future%20Lawyers/AnnouncementJulyBar.asp) that it **plans to administer the exam in July; if the exam is postponed, it will be held on September 30-October 1.** In the event the July exam must be postponed, the Court may certify recent law graduates to practice under an **emergency limited license rule (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Court_Probation/Supreme_Court/Rule_Changes/2020/RULE%20CH**

Connecticut

The Connecticut Bar Examining Committee announced in a March 30 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.jud.ct.gov/CBEC/Press_Release_033020.pdf) that the exam will be **postponed until fall 2020.** The Committee subsequently announced on April 24 that it will **administer the exam on September 30-October 1.** On May 6, the Committee announced that it will accept a **maximum number of 500 applications** for the exam, with a plan for prioritization of applications. The announcements and related updates can be found on the Committee's web page (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.jud.ct.gov/CBEC/). On May 11, the Connecticut Rules Committee adopted a **temporary and emergency expansion of its legal intern rules.**

Delaware

The Supreme Court of Delaware announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://courts.delaware.gov/bbe/) on May 11 that the exam is **rescheduled to September 9-11.** (The exam in Delaware is administered over 2.5 days.)

District of Columbia

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.dccourts.gov/court-of-appeals/committee-on-admissions) on June 8 that it will **administer a remote exam on October 5-6 in lieu of the UBE.** The remote exam is in lieu of the in-person September 9-10 exam that the Court had previously announced it would administer in a May 4 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://newsroom.dccourts.gov/press-releases/dc-bar-bar-exam-postponed-from-july-planned-now-for-september) and order, (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.dccourts.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/DCCA_Ord_5_4_20-Regarding_rescheduling_the_Bar_Exam.pdf) following an April 10 order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.dccourts.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/DCCA_Order--July_Exam.pdf) canceling the administration of the July exam.

Florida

The Florida Board of Bar Examiners, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Florida, announced in a July 1 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.floridabarexam.org/splash/release.pdf) that **the in-person July administration of the exam is canceled.** The Board will instead administer **an online exam on August 18** consisting of 100 multiple-choice questions and three essay questions. For the August exam only, applicants will not be required to take the MBE. Additional announcements about the August exam will be made regularly on the Board's website (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.floridabarexam.org/). This announcement follows a prior May 5 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.floridabarexam.org/web/website.nsf/52286ae9ad5d845185257c07005c3fe1/6a5d234624d10e8d8525855f00opendocument) in which the Board had announced that it had planned to proceed with the July exam.

Georgia

The Supreme Court of Georgia (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.gabaradmissions.org/home) issued order on April 17 announcing that the exam will be **rescheduled for September 9-10.** The Court has also **adopted a temporary rule allowing recent law school graduates to become provisionally admitted to practice law prior to taking the bar exam.** The new rule also provides a process for lawyers admitted to the bar of another state who have recently moved to Georgia to obtain provisional admission.

Guam

The Supreme Court of Guam issued an order (pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F238) on April 9 announcing that the exam will be **rescheduled for September 9-10.**

Hawaii

The Hawaii Supreme Court, in consultation with the Hawaii Board of Bar Examiners, announced in a March 31 order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.courts.state.hi.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/033120_scmf-12-538_InReJuly2020BarExam-1.pdf) that the exam will be rescheduled for fall 2020. An order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.courts.state.hi.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Order-re-July-Bar-Exam-Date.pdf) issued on April 20 announced that the exam will be **held on September 9-10.**

Idaho

Idaho is planning (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://isb.idaho.gov/admissions/bar-exam/) to **administer the exam in July as scheduled.**

Illinois

The Illinois Supreme Court announced in a May 1 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://courts.illinois.gov/Media/PressRel/2020/050120.pdf) that the exam is **postponed until September 9-10.** The Court also entered an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://courts.illinois.gov/SupremeCourt/Announce/2020/050120.pdf) temporarily relaxing rules to allow the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar the flexibility to prepare for and administer the exam in September, details of which are found on the Board's announcements page (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.ilbaradmissions.org/news.action?id=2200).

Indiana

According to a May 7 announcement (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://calendar.in.gov/site/courts/event/supreme-indiana-july-bar-exam-will-be-a-one-day-remote-test/), the Indiana Supreme Court handed down an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.in.gov/judiciary/files/order-other-2020-20S-CB-300.pdf) ordering the Indiana State Board of Law Examiners to **conduct a one-day remotely administered exam on July 28.** The exam will consist of the Indiana Essay Examination and a series of short answer questions on topics tested on the Multistate Bar Examination.The Indiana Supreme Court issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.in.gov/judiciary/files/order-other-2020-20S-MS-249.pdf) on April 8 **amending the time limitations of its graduate legal intern rule.** The order allows anyone who graduated from law school after November 2019 to potentially serve as a graduate legal intern until the February 2021 bar exam, provided they have not failed any exam prior to that date.

Iowa

The Iowa Office of Professional Regulation has announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.iowacourts.gov/opr/attorneys/admissions/) that the Iowa Board of Law Examiners **intends to administer to the exam in July. If the exam cannot be administered as scheduled, the Board intends to administer the exam on September 9-10.** The Iowa Supreme Court entered an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.iowacourts.gov/static/media/cms/5_851A8EC7AD83B.pdf) on May 6 confirming the decision.

Kansas

On April 17, the Kansas Supreme Court announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.kscourts.org/KSCourts/media/KsCourts/Attorney%20Admissions/Announcement-on-2020-Bar-Admission-by-Examination.pdf) that it will **offer an additional administration of the exam on September 9-10 if needed, in addition to the July administration.** In a May 14 news release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.kscourts.org/Newsroom/News-Releases/News/2020-News-Releases/May-2020/Kansas-will-offer-Uniform-Bar-Exam-July-28-29), the Court confirmed that it will **administer the exam in July and on September 9-10.**

Kentucky

On May 11, the Kentucky Supreme Court entered an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F249) stating that the Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions will **administer the exam in July as well as offer an additional administration of the exam on September 30-October 1.** On May 13, the Court issued a temporary order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.kyoba.org/files/files/AdminOrder2020-37SupervisedPractice.pdf) allowing the **temporary practice of law under supervision,** pending admission. The Court's announcement about the additional September exam administration follows an April 15 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F244) in which the Court had announced that it planned to administer the exam in July, and that if it could not administer the exam in July, the exam would be rescheduled for September.

Louisiana

The Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.lasc.org/press_room/press_releases/2020/2020-13.asp) on May 8 that **the 3-day bar examination previously scheduled for July 20, 22, and 24 has been canceled.** The Committee will now **administer a one-day bar examination on two dates: July 27 and October 10.** On June 3, the Court and the Committee announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.lascba.org/news.aspx#remoteTesting) **the addition of an option to take the July 27 and October 10 exams online.** The May 8 announcement indicates a priority schedule in anticipation of **possible seating capacity limits** to ensure compliance with public health guidelines and sets forth a priority schedule; this priority schedule will also apply to the remote option.

Maine

The Maine Supreme Court issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.courts.maine.gov/covid19/pmo-sjc-4.pdf) on April 15 stating that the exam is **rescheduled for September 30-October 1.** According to a May 4 announcement, the Maine Board of Bar Examiners is **limiting the number of seats available for the exam;** as of May 4, the Board reached its limit and is unable to accept additional applications. The Board subsequently announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://mainebarexaminers.org/) on May 9 the availability of a limited number of additional seats and a three-tiered application period for those not already on the seating list. The seating limits were reached on June 3; the Board has established a waiting list for applications received until June 15.

Maryland

The Maryland Court of Appeals announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.mdcourts.gov/ble) on June 18 that it will **administer a remote exam on October 5-6 instead of the in-person UBE.** The Court had previously issued an administrative order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/admin-orders/20200526postponementofthejuly2020marylandbarexamination.pdf) on May 26 tentatively rescheduling the exam for September 9-10.

Massachusetts

On July 1, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and the Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners announced that **a remotely administered exam for admission to the Massachusetts bar will be offered in lieu of the UBE on October 5-6**. In an April 23 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/dmsdocument/241) and plan (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F243), the Court and the Board also announced an **expanded opportunity for graduates to appear in court under its student practice rule.**

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and the Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners had previously announced in a March 30 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-bar-examination-postponed) that the exam would be postponed until fall 2020, and the press release was updated on April 6 to announce (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-board-of-bar-examiners) that the exam would be held on September 30-October 1. In the April 23 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/dmsdocument/241), the Court and the Board had announced a plan (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F243)for the exam to proceed, noting that if the Uniform Bar Exam could not be conducted safely in person on September 30-October 1, an alternative exam would be administered remotely to grant admission only to Massachusetts. On May 4, the Board had released a notice (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-board-of-bar-examiners) with a plan for prioritizing seating arrangements for the September 30-October 1 exam in anticipation of a limited number of available seats for the exam.

Michigan

The Michigan Supreme Court ordered (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://courts.michigan.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/BLE/Documents/2020-08_2020-05-18_FormattedOrder_AO2020-15.pdf) on May 18 that a **one-day online exam will be administered on July 28,** consisting solely of the essay portion of the traditional exam.

Minnesota

The Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners made an updated announcement (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.ble.mn.gov/office-closed-to-public-staff-available-remotely/) on May 20 confirming that it will **administer the exam in July and on September 9-10.** The Board also advised applicants they could transfer to the February 2021 or July 2021 examination without filing a new application. On June 5, 2020, the Minnesota Supreme Court issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.ble.mn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Administrative-Order-Adopting-Supervised-Practice-Rules-Effective-July-1-2020.pdf) granting the Board's petition to adopt **expanded Supervised Practice Rules.** The Rules become effective July 1 and provide additional supervised practice options for recent graduates. These Rules replace the Court's current Student Practice Rules.

Mississippi

The Mississippi Supreme Court plans (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://courts.ms.gov/bar/baradmissions/baradmissions.php) to **proceed with the administration of the July exam.**

Missouri

The Missouri Board of Law Examiners announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.mble.org/news.action?id=1700) on April 28 that the Missouri Supreme Court issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=155613) **temporarily modifying its law student practice rule** to extend the certification time period. **The exam is still proceeding as scheduled in July. In the event the exam cannot be administered in July, it will be held on September 9-10.**

Montana

Montana is still planning to a**dminister the exam in July as scheduled.** On June 17, the Montana Supreme Court issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.montanabar.org/resource/collection/5F4544BD-CC77-491D-91C1-39EAA0E445DF/Rule_Change_-_Bar_Exam.pdf) approving **temporary rules to allow provisional admission to the bar** for certain eligible candidates who are unable or unwilling to sit for the bar amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nebraska

The Nebraska Supreme Court issued an order (pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F246) on May 7 announcing that the exam will be **administered in July along with an additional administration on September 9-10.**

Nevada

The Nevada Supreme Court issued an order (pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F252) on May 20 directing the **exam to be conducted remotely on July 28 and 29.** The exam will be taken open book and consist of eight one-hour essays and a performance test prepared by the Nevada Board of Bar Examiners.

New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Supreme Court issued an order ([sitetree_link,id=]) on April 10 announcing that the exam will be postponed until fall 2020. On April 14, the Court issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.courts.state.nh.us/supreme/orders/4-14-20-order-rescheduling-the-NH-Bar-Exam-to-September-9-and-10-2020.pdf) announcing that the exam will be **administered on September 9-10,** according to a news release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.courts.state.nh.us/press/2020/Covid19-Bar.htm) from the New Hampshire Judicial Branch.

New Jersey

The New Jersey Supreme Court announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://njcourts.gov/pressrel/2020/pr040620a.pdf?c=emJ&fbclid=IwAR2nyQochHlI-wHBF-w0Zcr-EGPIRyps2DTxtJ-WJqFl1hvo5AfCe1-VQjY) on April 6 that the exam will be postponed until fall 2020. The order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://njcourts.gov/notices/2020/n200406b.pdf) issued by the Court **relaxes and expands Court rules to allow 2020 law school graduates to temporarily practice law under the supervision of experienced attorneys despite postponement of the exam.** The Court has since announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.njbarexams.org/allnews.action) that the exam will be **administered on September 9-10.**

New Mexico

The New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners has announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://nmexam.org/information-on-bar-admissions-and-covid-19/) that the exam has been **scheduled for September 9-10.** This follows an April 28 order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.ncbex.org/pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F245) issued by the New Mexico Supreme Court announcing that the exam would be postponed until September 2020, with the exact date to be scheduled. The order also included **planning for a possible temporary, limited supervised practice program** for applicants awaiting an opportunity to take the bar exam, only if the exam cannot be administered in 2020.

New York

The New York Court of Appeals announced in a March 27 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.nybarexam.org/Press/PressRelease_NY_BarExam.pdf) that the exam would be rescheduled for fall 2020. The Board of Law Examiners subsequently made the following announcements on its website (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.nybarexam.org/): The exam will be **rescheduled to September 9-10.** Due to limits expected on the number of large venues the Board typically uses to administer the exam, the Board **will not be able to test all candidates typically applying to take a July exam.** On April 30, the Court announced that the application process for the September exam would proceed on a rolling basis as space permits. The initial application periods have closed. **A fourth application period will be open from June 18 through June 21,** with applications being accepted from candidates who graduated in 2018, 2019, or 2020 with a JD degree from an ABA-accredited law school and who sat for one prior administration of the bar exam in New York. (Candidates who sat for more than one prior administration of the bar exam, in New York or in any other US jurisdiction, are not eligible to register during this application period.) **The Board cautions that seating cannot be guaranteed to candidates who register during this application period.** The Court has also approved a program designed to provide **temporary authorization for qualified law graduates to engage in the limited practice of law under the supervision of a qualified attorney,** according to an April 28 statement (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.nycourts.gov/ctapps/) on its website.

North Carolina

The North Carolina Board of Law Examiners has announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.ncble.org/allnews.action) that it presently **intends to administer the exam in July. If the exam cannot be administered as scheduled, it will administer the exam on September 9-10.**

North Dakota

The North Dakota Board of Bar Examiners issued an April 10 policy statement (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.ndcourts.gov/supreme-court/committees/board-of-law-examiners/bar-exam-application) indicating that it is **planning to administer the exam on July 28-29. If the exam cannot be administered in July, it will administer the exam on September 9-10.** At this time, North Dakota is **limiting the number of examinees to 85,** with priority given as indicated in the policy statement. North Dakota has an existing rule (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.ndcourts.gov/legal-resources/rules/rltdpracticeoflawbylawstudents/7) allowing graduates of ABA-approved law schools to temporarily practice law under the supervision of a North Dakota licensed attorney.

Ohio

The Supreme Court of Ohio announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/admissions/default.aspx) on May 13 that the exam will be **postponed until September 9-10.** The Court has also **expanded its Practice Pending Admission during the Admission to the Practice of Law Process** for recent law school graduates.

Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Board of Bar Examiners has announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.okbbe.com/news/July-2020-Examination--UPDATE.aspx#.XrljcWhKg2w) that the Board made the decision (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.okbbe.com/Resources/Docs/Notice%20re%20July%202020%20exam.pdf) on May 8 to **proceed with the administration of the exam as scheduled for July 28-29**.

Oregon

The Oregon Supreme Court announced on June 29 that it would grant a **one-time diploma privilege to candidates who timely submitted complete applications for the July 2020 Oregon bar exam** and who either 1) graduated in 2020 from one of the three Oregon law schools or 2) graduated in 2020 from any other ABA-accredited law school that had a minimum of 86% of graduates pass a 2019 bar exam on their first attempt. For those candidates who do not qualify for the diploma privilege option, the Court has announced 1) a **one-time reduction in the passing score for the July exam from 274 to 266**; and 2) the option to instead take a **remotely administered exam in October,** with scores on that exam not qualifying as UBE scores.

The Oregon Supreme Court had previously issued a March 27 order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.osbar.org/_docs/resources/CJO20-009OrderAmendingOSBRulesofProcedureDuringCOVID-19Outbreak.pdf) making certain **emergency modifications to the Oregon State Bar Rules for Admission.** On May 11, the Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners had announced a maximum seating capacity of 500 applicants for the July exam, which it had reached on May 15.

Palau

The Supreme Court of Palau announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.palausupremecourt.net/upload/P1408/20617013827505.pdf) on June 17 that **the July 2020 exam is canceled. The next exam will be held in July 2021.** (Palau does not administer a February exam.) Applicants who wish to take the exam

in Palau in July 2021 are strongly encouraged to apply early; the announcement regarding the 2021 exam is anticipated to be issued in February 2021.

Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners has announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.pabarexam.org/COVID19Info.htm) that the exam will be **rescheduled to September 9-10,** according to an April 28 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.pabarexam.org/pdf/203_205/PABLE%20Letter%20Press%20Notice%20(002).pdf). The Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.pabarexam.org/pdf/Supervised_Limited_Practice_Order.pdf) authorizing a **limited license for July 2020 bar exam applicants.**

Rhode Island

The Supreme Court of Rhode Island issued an order (pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F259) on June 11 indicating that the exam will be **postponed until September 30-October 1.** The order follows an April 13 news advisory (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.courts.ri.gov/PDF/Bar%20exam%20postponed%20041320.pdf) that the exam would be postponed indefinitely.

South Carolina

The Supreme Court of South Carolina announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.sccourts.org/whatsnew/displayWhatsNew.cfm?indexId=2507) that it **intends to administer the exam in July. If it is not possible to conduct the exam in July, it intends to administer it on September 9-10.**

South Dakota

The Supreme Court of South Dakota entered an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://ujs.sd.gov/uploads/barexaminers/OrderAmendingAttorneysCOVID19.pdf) on May 6 announcing that if NCBE materials are not available for the July exam administration, the South Dakota Board of Bar Examiners is authorized to develop and administer a 10-question essay exam on July 28. Applicants may instead opt to take the regular bar exam in February 2021. If public health orders necessitate canceling the July exam, the Board will administer the regular bar exam on the next available dates that NCBE makes its materials available. The order also **amends its supervised practice rule** to extend the certification term for graduates who have applied for the July exam.

Tennessee

The Tennessee Supreme Court issued an April 2 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://tncourts.gov/press/2020/04/02/supreme-court-modifies-certain-provisions-rule-7-related-july-2020-bar-exam) announcing **temporary rule changes** to address ongoing concerns with the July 2020 bar exam. The rule changes include **extending the time applicants can practice under supervision or pending admission** to November 15, 2021, and permitting transfer of applications from the July exam to a potential fall exam or to the February 2021 exam. The Court issued an April 17 press release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://tncourts.gov/press/2020/04/17/supreme-court-announces-additional-bar-examination-date) announcing that **it will offer an additional administration of the exam on September 30-October 1 in addition to the July administration.** On May 11, the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners posted an update (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.tnble.org/?page_id=667) and Court order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.tnble.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SCT-COVID-19-Order-BLE-5-11-2020.pdf) confirming that the exam will be **administered in July as well as on September 30-October 1.** The Court order also approves a temporary policy (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.tnble.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/BLE_Policy_Revision_P-4.03.pdf) recommended by the Board establishing a protocol for seating applicants due to **limited seating capacity** to comply with restrictions on the size of public gatherings.

Texas

The Texas Board of Law Examiners announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://ble.texas.gov/news.action?id=1923) on April 28 that the Supreme Court of Texas issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://ble.texas.gov/covid-19_order) determining that the Board should offer **an additional administration of the exam on September 9-11 in addition to the July exam.** (The exam in Texas is administered over 2.5 days, until Texas's first administration of the Uniform Bar Exam in February 2021.) The order also specifies **updated rules regarding the supervised practice of law by qualified law students and unlicensed law school graduates in Texas.**

Utah

On April 21, the Utah Supreme Court issued an order (pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F240) **modifying the bar examination passage requirement on an emergency basis for certain eligible law school graduates,** according to an April 21 news release (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.utahbar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020.04.21-COVID-Bar-Exam-PR-.pdf). Qualified candidates must have submitted an application to take the Utah bar exam on or before April 1, 2020; must have graduated from a law school

with an overall first-time passage rater of 86% or greater in 2019; and must perform 360 hours of legal service under the supervision of an experienced attorney. **For applicants who do not qualify for the alternative pathway, or for those wishing to gain admission through the bar exam, the Court intends to offer the exam in Utah on September 30-October 1.**

Vermont

The Vermont Supreme Court announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/attorneys/admission-vermont-bar) that by an April 6 order of the Court, the exam is **rescheduled to September 9-10.**

Virginia

The Virginia Board of Bar Examiners announced (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://barexam.virginia.gov/covid.html) on May 1 that it **remains committed to administering the exam in July.** Final decisions and details regarding the July bar exam will be made as soon as possible and will be announced on its website.

Virgin Islands

The Virgin Islands Supreme Court entered an order (pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F253) on May 28 announcing that the exam is **postponed to September 30-October 1. Seating capacity for the exam will be limited,** with priority considerations given to applicants in the order delineated in the administrative order.

Washington

On June 12, the Washington Supreme Court issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.courts.wa.gov/content/publicUpload/Supreme%20Court%20Orders/Order%20Granting%20Diploma%20Privile temporarily modifying admission and practice rules to grant a **diploma privilege option to applicants currently registered to take the July and September 2020 bar exams and LLLT licensure exams.** The Washington Supreme Court had previously announced on May 13 that Washington will administer the exam in **July and on September 9-10.** The bar examinations in July and September will still be offered for those who do not qualify for the diploma privilege and those who wish to take the exam to receive a UBE score. On May 15, the Court issued an order (pdfviewer/?file=%2Fdmsdocument%2F251) **temporarily reducing the minimum passing UBE score from 270 to 266.** The temporary modified minimum passing score applies only to applicants who sit for the July 2020 or September 2020 UBE. In addition, applicants applying for admission by UBE score transfer from another jurisdiction who achieve a score of 266 or higher on the July 2020 or September 2020 UBE may transfer their score to Washington. The minimum passing UBE score reverts to 270 beginning with the February 2021 examination. The Court also approved **changes to Washington's licensed legal intern rule** extending the licensing period and increasing the number of licensed interns who can be supervised by a lawyer. Washington has an existing rule (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/pdf/APR/GA_APR_09_00_00.pdf) allowing recent law school graduates to practice law for up to 18 months in a limited scope under the supervision of a licensed attorney.

West Virginia

The West Virginia Board of Law Examiners, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, plans (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/http://www.courtswv.gov/legal-community/board-of-law-examiners.html) to **proceed with the administration of the July exam.**

Wisconsin

Wisconsin is **planning to administer the July exam as scheduled.**

Wyoming

The Wyoming Supreme Court issued an order (https://web.archive.org/web/20200701202352/https://www.wyomingbar.org/wp-content/uploads/Order.pdf) on April 10 announcing an **emergency rule that authorizes July 2020 bar applicants to be temporarily admitted to the practice of law** with supervision, if certain conditions are met, in the event that the July exam is postponed. The rule is issued conditionally on the bar exam not being administered in July and will be of no effect if Wyoming is able to hold the July exam. The bar exam is **still currently scheduled for July 28-29.**

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