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GENERAL QUESTIONS FOR ALL PROGRAMS:

Q: What options are available for admission to practice law in Arizona?*

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Answer: There are 3 primary options for admission to practice law in Arizona: 1) admission by Uniform Bar Examination (UBE), testing in Arizona; 2) admission by UBE, transfer of score earned in another jurisdiction; and 3) admission on motion.

You may be eligible for these programs if you meet the requirements below as well as other requirements established by rule:

- 1) Admission by UBE, testing in Arizona:
 - You graduated with J.D. degree from an ABA accredited law school *OR*
 - You are expected to graduate with a J.D. degree within 120 days of the first day of the exam as an early tester (as certified by your law school)
- 2) Admission by UBE, transfer of UBE score earned in another jurisdiction:
 - You graduated with J.D. degree from an ABA accredited law school
 - You earned a score of at least 273 on a UBE exam in a recognized UBE test administration within the prior five years
- 3) Admission on motion:
 - You graduated with J.D. degree from an ABA accredited law school
 - You have actively practiced law in the United States for three of the prior five years
 - You were admitted by bar examination in another US state or territory. NOTE: If you took the UBE within the five years prior to your application, you must have earned a minimum score of 273 to be eligible for admission in Arizona
 - Active practice may occur wholly or partially in a non-reciprocal jurisdiction after admission in reciprocal jurisdiction
 - If admitted by bar exam in a non-reciprocal jurisdiction, active practice must have occurred wholly in reciprocal jurisdictions

The above information is not a complete list of all requirements, but is meant to provide a quick reference. Please refer to Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 34-37 for all requirements and rules including passage of Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) and completion of the online Course on Arizona Law.

*Please refer to Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 38 for more information on limited practice methods including law professor, military spouse and in-house counsel.

Q: How do I access and complete the required Course on Arizona Law?

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You may [access the course here](#). You will create user information which allows you to revisit the site until all modules are complete, so be sure to remember or record your user information until the course is completed. Once finished with all modules, your completion is electronically transmitted to necessary parties. You do not need to submit documentary proof of completion.

Q: If I applied online, how should I handle supporting documents? Do I send the documents before or after I submit the online application?

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A: The online application is a convenient way to submit an application allowing our staff to begin processing your application quickly. An applicant must have a pending, open file containing application in order for this office to retain supporting documents. Documents received on behalf of individuals who have no pending application will be returned.

Q: I cannot afford to pay the fees associated with the application? Is it possible to have part of or all of the fees waived due to hardship?

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A: Fees are set by Ariz. Sup. Ct. Admin. Order no. 2011-141 and are not discretionary. There are no hardship allowances.

Q: Where can I get a fingerprint card for the application?

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A: The required fingerprint card is a standard FBI card, printed on heavy card stock, and is available from many law enforcement agencies. A card can be supplied to an applicant upon request at no cost. [Click here](#) to request a fingerprint card be mailed to you.

Q: What is Arizona's minimum acceptable score for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)?

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A: The minimum passing score is 85. See Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 35(b)(8) for specific timeframes for UBE and UBE transfer applicants.

Q: What is the timeframe for the admission process?

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A: The Committee endeavors to complete all investigations within four months after receipt of a completed application. Issues that could result in a longer time frame include, but are not limited to an incomplete application, need to request additional documentation on situations that require further investigation or hearing.

It is impossible to predict a timeframe for completion because much depends on the full compliance of the applicant to supply required/requested documentation and the speed with which references respond. Speed depends upon facts uncovered in the investigation. There are things you can do to speed the process:

- 1) Fully comply with all requests for information and documentation; if in doubt about a question/incident, please disclose and explain fully within the application or attachments;
- 2) Contact the people provided as references to alert them we will contact them initially by mail; ask them to return the reference information as soon as possible;
- 3) Respond quickly to all inquiries or requests for more information.

For exam applicants: if you file your separate Character and Fitness application prior to the exam administration date, our office endeavors to complete the investigation and provide you with your admission status (either eligible for admission or requires further investigation) at the time of the release of bar exam scores. For example, if you file your CF application prior to February exam, you should know your status in mid-May and if you file your CF application prior to the July exam, you should know your status in mid-October.

Q: What If I am not eligible because I do not meet requirements for admission set out by the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court? For example, I did not attend an ABA-accredited law school and wish to sit for the exam?

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Please review the requirements found in the Rules. They may be found at this [link here](#) or on our website under [Rules for Admission](#). If you wish to pursue admission but do not meet the requirements, you must apply through the normal process (including attachments and fees) but your application will be rejected for failure to meet the Rules. You will be mailed a letter by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness explaining the denial and decision; the postmark on that letter triggers, pursuant to Rule 36(g), a window of 20 days in which you may choose to petition the Supreme Court to recognize your specific facts as an exception to the applicable Supreme Court Rule. If you choose to petition the Court, your filings must be made directly with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and cannot be made through this office. You are required to serve our office a copy of your petition on the date of filing with the Clerk, should you choose to petition. The Committee on Character and Fitness has 30 days to respond to your petition and then the Clerk of the Court will set the matter on an agenda for the Court to consider.

Please review the Rules carefully before beginning this process. Rules 34-38 provide criteria for various programs and Rule 36(g) provides the framework for appealing a Committee decision, should you wish to. In order to petition the Supreme Court you must be aggrieved of a decision by a Committee.

Q: What happens once I am recommended for admission?

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A: You will be mailed admission forms which should be completed in a timeline consistent with Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 37(a). You may choose admission either by mail or in person, and your admission will be processed through Attorney Admissions, passed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court and then to the State Bar of Arizona. The Clerk of the Court will print and mail your certificate and (if you choose admission in person) call to schedule a convenient time for your admission. The State Bar of Arizona generates your bar number and bar card, which will be mailed to you within three weeks.

Please allow up to three weeks for the process, as three entities have to perform specific tasks to complete your admission.

Q: How can I get a copy of my previously-submitted examination application or character report?

A: Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 37(c), records are confidential and may be released only to the applicant. Application records are retained for a period of up to seven years. If you need a copy of previously-submitted materials, please email attorneyadmissions@courts.az.gov with this information: name as it was at the time of your application, current name (if different), date of birth, social security number, date (month/year) of the most recent exam applied for. If the record is available, a fee of \$30 must be paid by check or money order payable to Arizona Supreme Court. Do not send payment until our office confirms with you that the record is available. If you need the information for another jurisdiction and the records are no longer available, we can send a letter to the jurisdiction at no cost.

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A: After your application has been received and is being processed, you will be notified if there is any supporting documentation missing or if your answers to any questions are incomplete. The additional information should be furnished to the Committee immediately as the Committee will take no action on incomplete applications.

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A: You will be notified of your status once your application is processed. In the weeks surrounding deadlines, we receive hundreds of applications per day and we process those in the order received. We will not pull an application out of order for processing or to comment on certification. You will receive a certification status within one month prior to the examination.

Q: How do I request accommodations to change method or time of testing?

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A: Accommodation forms are available online. In addition to the required forms, it is your responsibility to submit additional information you wish the Committee to consider, such as academic or medical history. The Committee on Examinations will provide reasonable non-standard testing as necessary, and will issue decisions approximately four weeks prior to examination. **Accommodation documentation does not carry forward; it is your responsibility to request accommodations for each successive examination attempt, should you feel they are necessary.**

Q: If I wish to test 4 or more times, how do I request permission?

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Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 35(c)(3) requires everyone taking and failing after exam three attempts (withdrawing mid-exam counts as a failure) to request permission from the Committee on Examinations before testing again. This permission is required each successive attempt after the third attempt. Please see form for requesting permission to write. Please see Rule 35(c)(3) for the information required, and include this information in a letter addressed to the Committee on Examinations.

Q: I want to take the examination by laptop, how do I register and pay the fee for laptop registration?

A: Laptop registration is open for a two week period and begins approximately one month before the examination. o. ALL exam applicants are emailed a notice as to what date this registration period begins and closes. It is your responsibility to register, pay for and download the required software from the Extegrity website during registration. The Extegrity software used during examination is Exam4, at a cost of **\$125**. This amount will be paid directly to the vendor during laptop registration. **DO NOT** send this amount to the Supreme Court. Software must be properly downloaded, registered and installed prior to the examination date. Technical questions should be directed to Extegrity at www.exam4.com.

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A. Every applicant must take the entire examination (MBE and written portion) in Arizona. As a UBE, the test must be completed in one test administration.

Q: What subject matter is tested on the Arizona Uniform Bar Exam?

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A: Any subject matter listed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) may be tested. For information about the MPT, MEE and MBE please go to NCBE website at <http://www.ncbex.org>. Arizona law is not tested.

Q: What may I bring to the test site?

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A: Once certified to sit, you will receive a list of items allowed and items prohibited. Please pay close attention to the Instructions and Information document you will receive via email for more details about the exam site, schedule and procedures. If you attempt to bring prohibited items into the test site, you will be delayed or excluded from testing. See the Code of Conduct for examination.

Q: When will grades be released?

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A: Scores from the February exam are scheduled to be released the second Friday in May. Scores from the July exam are scheduled to be released the second Friday in October. Scores will not be released over the phone, by email or by fax. The names of successful applicants will be posted to the Attorney Admissions and Supreme Court website on the date of score release, the same day results letters are mailed.

Q: What is a passing score?

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A: Out of a possible 400 points, a total of 273 points are required for admission in Arizona.

Q: What if I fail the exam? How can I get into the next exam since the deadline has passed?

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A: Every applicant who fails receives a “short form” for the next successive examination and has approximately 2 weeks to apply for the next exam, even though general applications have closed. You should not apply online in anticipation of failure. If you need a “short form”, one will be included with your exam results letter.

Q: I am currently signed up for the February/July examination. Is there a way to transfer or roll over my fees to the next bar examination?

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A: We close out each exam and cannot “roll over” enrollment or payment. If you wish to withdraw and receive a partial refund of \$50.00 please submit a signed letter, not an email, to our offices indicating your intent to withdraw. Your request must contain your original signature and be postmarked or received by the filing deadline for that examination.

Example:

If you wish to withdraw from the **July** examination and receive a partial refund of \$50.00, the withdrawal letter must be postmarked by **April 30th**.

If you wish to withdraw from the **February** examination and receive a partial refund of \$50.00, the withdrawal letter must be postmarked by **November 30th**.