

UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION IN MARYLAND **NOTICE TO UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES**

Candidates who were unsuccessful on the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) in Maryland should review this information carefully:

Retaking the UBE – There is no limit on the number of times you may retake the UBE in Maryland. Applicants who were unsuccessful on the UBE may file a Notice of Intent to Take the UBE in Maryland for a future UBE.

Please note, some states place absolute limits on the number of times an applicant may attempt to pass the UBE and will count unsuccessful attempts in other states toward that absolute limit. For more information on the limitation on attempts in other states, visit www.NCBEX.org and review NCBE's Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admissions Requirements

To submit a Notice of Intent to Take the UBE in Maryland, log into your eBar account and navigate to the "My Application" page. Click on "Notice of Intent to Take a Scheduled UBE", update the exam session information, and fill out any required fields. eBar will automatically generate a Retake Notice based upon your eBar record. Check carefully to see that all fields are filled accurately. Submit your Notice online and use the printer icon to print a hard copy. Sign the Retake Notice. File the hard copy Retake Notice with SBLE's office, along with a check or money order for \$400.00 payable to "State Board of Law Examiners" by the filing deadline posted on the Board's website. All SBLE filing deadlines are RECEIVED BY deadlines, not post-marked dates.

If your Character Questionnaire (formerly Application for Admission) has been pending for more than 3 years since your prior update, you will be required to create an updated Character Questionnaire before you can create a Notice of Intent. You must print, sign, and file the updated Character Questionnaire with the \$100 update fee before or contemporaneously with your Notice of Intent.

Transferring a Qualifying UBE Score or applying for Admission Without Accommodation – Applicants who were unsuccessful on the UBE in Maryland may be eligible to apply for admission by transferring a qualifying UBE score or by admission without examination for experienced out-of-state attorneys. Applicants may wish to consult the Board's website to see if they qualify. [[Transferring a Qualifying UBE Score](#)] [[Admission Without Examination](#)]

Examination dates and deadlines – Information on examination dates, filing deadlines and exam locations for Maryland's first administration of the UBE are available at SBLE's website - [UBE - Test in Maryland](#).

Passing Standard and Policy on Re-grading – Pursuant to Board Rule 5, the qualifying UBE score in Maryland is 266. The MBE is a multiple-choice test published and scored by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) and its agents. The MEE and MPT are essay tests published by the NCBE and graded by the Board. Scaling of Raw MEE scores and raw MPT scores to the MBE is performed by NCBE. Calculation of an applicant's total UBE score is performed by NCBE. Also pursuant to Board Rule 5, after the NCBE calculates an applicant's UBE score, the Board shall not regrade or otherwise reconsider any MPT or MEE answer. Further, except as provided in Rule 19-209 (a), the Board may not alter any applicant's grades except when necessary to correct a clerical error.

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Review of Examination Answers– Pursuant to Board Rule 8, SBLE offers candidates who were unsuccessful on the UBE the opportunity to review their examination answers and Representative Good Answers selected by the Board. Per Board Rule 8, all requests for review of examination answers must be made within 60 days of the date results are released, which is the date printed on your results letter. There are two (2) ways to review your answers:

(1) send by mail a written, signed request for a copy of your answers (<http://www.mdcourts.gov/ble/pdfs/requestreviewofexamanswers.pdf>) along with a check or money order for \$20 payable to “State Board of Law Examiners,” and SBLE will mail complete copies of your answers and the MBE question and point sheet to you; or

(2) call SBLE at 410-260-3640 to schedule an appointment to review your answers in person at SBLE’s offices. Candidates reviewing in person may also request copies of their answers for \$20, payable by check only (NO CASH). IMPORTANT - The in-person review process is NOT an interview and SBLE staff cannot provide any advice, commentary or tips on your exam performance.

For more information – Complete information on Maryland’s Bar Admission Rules and use of the eBar electronic Bar application is available online at www.mdcourts.gov/ble. You may contact SBLE’s administrative office with questions regarding the answer review procedure, retake procedure, and for any other information regarding the General Bar Examination by email at sble@mdcourts.gov, or by telephone at 410-260-3640 during SBLE’s normal business hours – Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm, except Court holidays.