Submitting a Request for Eligibility Waiver
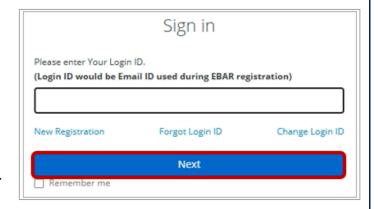
Quick Reference Card

QRC Overview

Pursuant to MD Rule 19-201(a), applicants seeking admission by UBE in Maryland or UBE Transfer must earn a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from an American Bar Association (ABA) approved law school. Applicants who have not earned a JD from an ABA-approved law school may seek a waiver of the standard eligibility requirements.

This quick reference card will provide step-by-step instructions on how to submit a waiver request as part of your application for admission to the Maryland Bar. To review key considerations, best practices, and step-by-step instructions on how to create an **eBar** account, review the *Creating an eBar Account QRC*.

Logging into your eBar account

1. Open a **Google Chrome** or **Microsoft Edge** browser window.

2. Navigate to https://jportal.mdcourts.gov/ebarapp. The login page displays.

3. Click in the **Login** field and enter the email address that was used during **eBar** registration.

4. Click the blue **Next** button.

5. Click in the **Password** field and enter your password.

6. Click the blue **Next** button.

Submitting a Waiver Request

UBT Applicants must submit the waiver at least 30 days before the UBE score expires. UBE Applicants must submit the waiver at least 30 days before the application deadline for the desired bar exam.
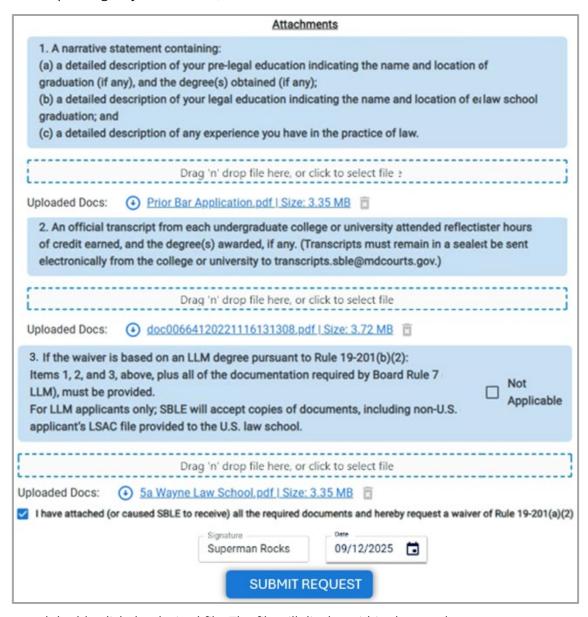
To submit a waiver:

1. Log into your **eBar** account, if necessary.

2. Verify the **Status** tab displays.

3. Click the **Waiver Request Form** link to display the **Request for Waive of Maryland Rule 19-201(a)(2)** form.

4. Verify the information in the fields of the **Waiver Request Form**.

5. Click the **Attach** section of the form under the first heading.

Your waiver request must include the required form and all supporting documents (transcripts, certificates, and letters, depending on your situation).

Attachments

1. A narrative statement containing:
(a) a detailed description of your pre-legal education indicating the name and location of graduation (if any), and the degree(s) obtained (if any);
(b) a detailed description of your legal education indicating the name and location of each law school graduation; and
(c) a detailed description of any experience you have in the practice of law.

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2. An official transcript from each undergraduate college or university attended reflect ister hours of credit earned, and the degree(s) awarded, if any. (Transcripts must remain in a sealest be sent electronically from the college or university to transcripts.sble@mdcourts.gov.)

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3. If the waiver is based on an LLM degree pursuant to Rule 19-201(b)(2):
Items 1, 2, and 3, above, plus all of the documentation required by Board Rule 7 LLM), must be provided.
For LLM applicants only; SBLE will accept copies of documents, including non-U.S. applicant's LSAC file provided to the U.S. law school.   ☐ Not Applicable

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☑ I have attached (or caused SBLE to receive) all the required documents and hereby request a waiver of Rule 19-201(a)(2)

Signature: Superman Rocks   Date: 09/12/2025 📅

SUBMIT REQUEST

6. Navigate to and double-click the desired file. The file will display within the attachment area.

7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until all required documentation has been attached.

8. Click the check box to affirm all required documentation has been attached.

9. Enter your name in the **Signature** field.

10. Enter today's date in the **Date** field.

11. Click the **SUBMIT REQUEST** button.

SBLE will review your request and notify you by email whether it has been approved.

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