

## Overview of Ohio Licensing Process for Foreign Educated Lawyers

### Steps to become Eligible to take Ohio's Bar Examination

1. If you completed your legal education outside of the United States, you must have your legal education evaluated for equivalency by World Education Services (<https://www.wes.org>) or Education Credential Evaluators (<http://www.ece.org/ECE>).
2. You must, also, complete 30 credit hours in specified law subjects at an ABA-approved law school ([https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_education/resources/aba\\_approved\\_law\\_schools.html](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/aba_approved_law_schools.html)).



**Register as a Candidate for Admission:** After completing the requirements in steps 1 and 2, you must be approved by the Supreme Court Office of Bar Admissions of Ohio to take Ohio's Bar Exam by completing the Application to Register as a Candidate for Admission by November 15<sup>th</sup> (<http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvc/admissions/application/default.asp>).



### Bar Examination Application Process

Complete the Application to Take the Bar Examination (<http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvc/admissions/default.aspx>). You must complete the forms online, print them and have the applicable forms notarized, and submit the application to the Bar Admissions Office. If you want to take the February bar exam, file your application by November 1. If you want to take the July bar exam, file the application by April 1. When you have completed the application, you must submit the following to the Bar Admissions Office:

- Completed Application form
- Original plus one copy of the Applicant's Questionnaire
- Applicant's Affidavit
- Law School Character Certificate completed by the Dean of your law school, that certifies that the dean attests to your character, fitness and morality to practice law
- Examination fee of \$330 payable by certified check or money order only, to the Supreme Court of Ohio
- Fee of \$24 for the Multistate Performance Test items, payable to the Supreme Court of Ohio by certified check or money order only

Everything above must be submitted to Office of Bar Admissions, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, 5th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431.



**Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE):** Before you can be admitted to the Ohio bar, you must take and pass the MPRE. The MPRE (<http://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/>) can be taken before or after the Ohio Bar Exam, but you must pass it before you can be admitted to the Bar.

\* You must receive a scale score of 85 or above