

This notice is to inform you of upcoming fee adjustments for the District of Columbia bar exam application, effective **April 1, 2024**.

- The fee for the bar exam application will increase to \$405. The background investigation fee, set by and paid to NCBE, for recent law graduates from U.S. law schools who are sitting for the exam for the first time is \$395. Applicants must also pay a \$150 laptop fee. This fee is paid directly to the software vendor, 4 to 6 weeks before the exam.
- The fee for the application by transferred UBE score will decrease to \$405. The background investigation fee, set by and paid to NCBE, will vary depending upon the applicant's length of time out of law school and / or prior admissions.
- The fee for the application on Motion ("Three Years' Good Standing") will increase to \$595. The background investigation fee, set by and paid to NCBE, will vary, depending upon the applicant's prior admissions.

[Please see NCBE's full background investigation fee schedule here.](#)

While we understand the exam fee increase may not be welcome news, this is the first increase in many years, and the District of Columbia bar exam fees remain among the lowest in the nation. The decrease in the UBE score transfer will make it less costly for applicants who take the UBE in another jurisdiction to apply for admission in the District of Columbia.

We appreciate your understanding. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at coa@dcappeals.gov.

Sincerely,

**Committee on Admissions
District of Columbia Court of Appeals**