



July 2022 Bar Exam Statement

On April 1, 2022, we announced that registration for the July 2022 would open on May 12, 2022, and “close when the seats are filled.” Additionally, the announcement advised “The seating capacity will be announced closer to May 12th.” The April 1st announcement was intended to give notice that a seat could not be guaranteed for everyone who wished to apply. [July 2022 Bar Exam Announcement - 04-01-22](#)

On May 2, 2022, we announced the seating capacity of 1,100 seats and two registration periods. [DC Bar Admissions News \(dcappeals.gov\)](#) **The priority registration period will now open May 12th at 12:00am and close May 17th at 11:59pm.** The opening time is a change from the original announcement. General registration will open on May 18th at 12:00am and close when all seats are filled. The seating capacity is determined by the size of the D.C. Armory where the exam will be administered. Although we do not expect to fill the seats during the priority registration, it is not possible to predict how many seats will remain when general registration opens.

We regret the inconvenience it may cause some applicants to sit for the exam in a different Uniform Bar Exam jurisdiction (“UBE”). To mitigate the inconvenience to applicants who are not able to obtain a seat for the D.C. exam, the following will be made available for the July 2022 exam cycle (June 1, 2022 – December 15, 2022):

1. The application fee for applicants who apply based on a transferred UBE score from the July 2022 exam will be \$232.00 for the July 2022 exam cycle. This is the same fee charged to exam applicants. The normal fee for UBE score transfer applications is \$418.00.
2. The requirement for UBE score transfer applications to report a minimum score of 266 *at the time the application is submitted* is waived. Applicants who plan to sit for the UBE in another jurisdiction may apply for admission in D.C. at *anytime* beginning June 1st. Individuals who complete the D.C. character and fitness application between June 1 to June 15 will be reviewed for character and fitness¹ in time for the swearing-in ceremony on January 25, 2023.² Applications submitted after June 15th likewise will receive

¹ The character and fitness review is contingent upon the completion of a background investigation report by NCBE. Applicants who do not timely respond to NCBE inquiries may cause a delay in the report and in the certification process.

² Applicants may be sworn in earlier through the *in absentia* process after receiving a certification notice and also participate in the swearing-in ceremony.

expedited review once the background report is completed. All UBE score transfer applicants must have a UBE score of at least 266 and an MPRE minimum score of 75 in addition to meeting all other requirements before they can be certified for admission.

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