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**INFORMATION FOR UNSUCCESSFUL COLORADO BAR EXAMINEES**

The "NOTICE OF COLORADO BAR EXAM RESULTS" shows your MBE scaled score, written scaled score (Essay/PT combined) and your total Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) score. In order to pass the bar exam, a total score of 276 must be achieved. The following formula was used to calculate your TOTAL BAR EXAM SCORE:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{UBE} \\ \text{EXAM} \\ \text{SCORE} \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} \text{MBE} \\ \text{SCALED} \\ \text{SCORE} \end{array} + \begin{array}{r} \text{MEE/MPT} \\ \text{SCALED} \\ \text{SCORE} \end{array}$$

**INSPECTION OF ESSAY ANSWERS**

Copies of exam answers are available only to unsuccessful candidates. Please allow approximately 10 business days from the date your results were posted to view these materials. You will receive a notice in your application portal when these documents become available. Graded score sheets are not available at any time.

Copies of your answers will be available from your Candidate Home Page. Select the button "Click here to download your recent exam answer packet." Two sets of documents will be uploaded to your account: (1) AM answers and (2) PM answers. Copies of Multistate Essay and Performance Test questions and analyses are available directly from the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Please visit the NCBE Study Aids store at <http://www.ncbex.org/study-aids/> for information regarding dates of availability and associated costs.

Please download and save your answers as they will be available from your application for only 60 days. Review the materials immediately to ensure that all of your answers have been uploaded. Missing pages should be reported by sending a message using the Messaging Center. Allow approximately 10 business days for a response.

If you are unable to view these documents, send a message using the Messaging Center notifying the Office of Attorney Admissions prior to the 60 day expiration date. Please refer to your notice for the expiration date. Following the 60 day expiration date, your answer files will be permanently purged from our records.

**NOTE:** You will also see a function to "Reapply" on your Candidate Home Page. If you begin the reapplication process before downloading your exam materials, the function to view and download your exam materials will move to the "Application Archive" section. The Application Archive tab is located at the top of your Candidate Home Page. Select the button titled "Download Answer Packet" for the most recent Exam application listed in your account.

## EXAM GRADING AND SCORING

Colorado employs holistic grading for the MEE and MPT. Holistic grading assigns a score to an answer based on a global impression of the answer's quality. Although grading guidelines outline specific elements that should be included in an answer to the question, the grade assigned to the paper goes beyond a simple tally of the elements covered and assigns a global score that includes the overall quality of the answer. All answers are scored using the same 1-6 score scale. The 1-6 scale is a relative scale, that is, a "6" is better than a "5," which is better than a "4," etc. The National Conference of Bar Examiners uses this 1-6 scale to train graders.

**Scoring-MBE:** Raw MBE scores (the number of questions correctly answered) are converted to scaled scores by the National Conference of Bar Examiners using a statistical formula designed to make scores comparable from exam to exam.

**Scoring-MEE/MPT:** Essay and performance test question scores are converted to scaled scores by the National Conference of Bar Examiners using a statistical formula designed to make scores comparable. The MEE and MPT scores are scaled to the MBE, with the MBE weighted 50%, the MEE 30%, and the MPT 20%.

After MEE and MPT answers have been graded the individual point totals are added to arrive at a raw total. Next, using a statistical formula the raw scores are converted by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and scaled to the MBE. That score is then added to the MBE scale score to arrive at a total UBE score.

Prior to implementing holistic grading in February 2013, exam answers were scored in three phases: First Scoring, Regrade and Reconciliation. With the implementation of holistic grading, the Regrade and Reconciliation phases were eliminated. This decision was not made for purposes of convenience or expediency. Rather, it was intended to improve the uniformity, reliability, and integrity of the scoring process by having all answers graded at one time when the graders are focused and calibrated. As a Uniform Bar Exam jurisdiction, all examination results are final and not open to regrading or appeal.

## REAPPLICATION

Unsuccessful applicants will be assessed the current full fee. Reduced fees apply **ONLY** to applicants who withdrew from the previous exam. For more information regarding reapplying for a subsequent bar exam, please refer to your bar result notice. To view your bar result notice log in to your application account and go to your Candidate Home Page. Scroll down until you see the button stating, "Click here to print your recent exam result letter." Bar result notices will not be mailed to you. If you wish to receive a hard copy of your notice you must submit a written request and payment of \$25.

## UNIFORM BAR EXAM (UBE) SCORE TRANSFER

Colorado UBE scores may be transferred to another UBE jurisdiction by submitting a UBE score transfer request to the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). UBE score transfers may be requested on-line using the NCBE score services. Go to <http://www.ncbex.org/ncbe-exam-score-services/> for instructions and other details.

## **MBE SCORE TRANSFER**

Colorado MBE scores may be transferred to another jurisdiction by submitting an MBE score transfer request to the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). MBE score transfers may be requested on-line using the NCBE MBE Score Transfer services. Go to <http://www.ncbex.org/ncbe-exam-score-services/> for information regarding instructions, fees, and other details.

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

CAMP: Many resources are available to you through the Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program. Please visit [www.coloradomentoring.org/resources-for-bar-exam-re-takers/](http://www.coloradomentoring.org/resources-for-bar-exam-re-takers/) for more information on steps to finding success on your next exam attempt and obtaining a mentor or coach to support you through the process.

COLAP: The Colorado Lawyer Assistance Program, a free and confidential resource, is available to help you process the news, explore your options, and get back on track for the next bar exam. Contact COLAP at 303-986-3345 and/or visit their website at: [www.coloradolap.org](http://www.coloradolap.org)