

CHART IV: Additional Requirements



State or Jurisdiction	If you approve schools not approved by the ABA, do you conduct on-site inspections?		For initial admission to the bar, do you require completion of certain courses or skills training during law school?		For initial admission to the bar do you require completion of certain courses or skills training after law school?		If applicant, a graduate of non-ABA-approved school, passes a bar exam in another state, is the applicant eligible to take your exam without additional legal education?	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alabama		X		X		X		X
Alaska				X	X		X	
Arizona				X	X			X
Arkansas				X		X		X
California	X			X		X	X	
Colorado				X	X		X	
Connecticut	X			X		X		X
Delaware				X	X			X
Dist. of Columbia				X	X			X
Florida				X	X			X
Georgia				X	X			X
Hawaii		X		X	X			X
Idaho				X	X			X
Illinois		X		X		X		X
Indiana			X		X			X
Iowa				X		X		X
Kansas				X		X		X
Kentucky	X		X		X		X	
Louisiana				X		X		X
Maine		X		X		X	X	
Maryland				X	X		X	
Massachusetts		X		X		X		X
Michigan	X			X		X		X
Minnesota				X		X		X
Mississippi				X		X		X
Missouri				X		X	X	
Montana				X		X		X
Nebraska				X		X		X
Nevada				X	X			X
New Hampshire		X		X	X		X	
New Jersey			X		X			X
New Mexico				X		X	X	
New York				X		X	X	
North Carolina				X		X		X
North Dakota				X		X		X
Ohio			X			X		X
Oklahoma				X		X		X
Oregon				X		X	X	
Pennsylvania				X		X	X	
Rhode Island				X	X			X
South Carolina				X	X			X
South Dakota				X		X		X
Tennessee	X			X		X		X
Texas				X	X		X	
Utah				X	X			X
Vermont		X		X	X		X	
Virginia		X		X		X		X
Washington				X		X	X	
West Virginia		X		X	X		X	
Wisconsin		X		X		X	X	
Wyoming				X	X			X
Guam		X		X		X		X
N. Mariana Islands		X		X		X		X
Palau		X		X		X	X	
Puerto Rico				X		X		X
Virgin Islands				X		X		X

See supplemental remarks.

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California Schools seeking accreditation must meet the requirements as specified in the *Rules Regulating Accreditation of Law Schools in California*.

Virginia Report of ABA inspection team required before any law school is considered for approval.

For initial admission to the bar, do you require completion of certain courses or skills training during law school?

Indiana Rule requires completion of two semester hours of legal ethics or professional responsibility in an approved law school.

New Jersey Applicants must present evidence of satisfactory performance in a law school course on ethics. In lieu thereof, New Jersey will accept a score of 75 or better on the MPRE.

Ohio Applicants seeking admission by exam must receive at least 10 classroom hours of instruction on legal ethics and at least one hour of instruction on substance abuse.

For initial admission to the bar, do you require completion of certain courses or skills training after law school?

Alaska Applicant must attend presentation on attorney ethics as prescribed by the Board, currently a one-hour video course offered by the bar association.

Arizona Completion of state bar's professionalism course within the first year of admission.

Colorado Exam applicants must complete required course on professionalism before being sworn in.

Delaware Five-month clerkship and pre-admission session conducted by the Supreme Court and Board of Bar Examiners.

District of Columbia Completion of course on D.C. Rules of Conduct and D.C. practice within 12 months of admission.

Florida Mandatory basic skills course, including instruction on discipline, ethics, and responsibility to the public, must be completed within twelve months of admission, and may be completed eight months prior to admission.

Georgia Mandatory bridge-the-gap course must be completed prior to the first anniversary of admission.

Hawaii Completion of state bar's professionalism course within the first year of admission.

Idaho Within 12 months of admission, each lawyer is required to complete a practical skills seminar approved for that purpose. Exemption for lawyers with 5 years of continuous practice. All reciprocal admission applicants must take this course.

Indiana Within 3 years of admission new lawyers must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours appropriate for new lawyers.

Maryland Rule requires a course in professionalism presented by the Maryland State Bar Association between the time applicants pass exam and when they are admitted.

Nevada Mandatory bridge-the-gap course.

New Hampshire Practical skills course given by the New Hampshire Bar Association must be completed during first two years of practice.

New Jersey Skills training course to be completed over a three-year period.

Rhode Island Completion of training course sponsored by Rhode Island Bar Association and approved by Board of Bar Examiners prior to admission or within one year of admission.

South Carolina Must complete a bridge-the-gap program prior to being admitted.

Texas Mandatory seminar within one year of admission.

Utah New admittees to the bar must complete, within two years of admission, a New Lawyer Continuing Legal Education program.

Vermont Three-month law office study or three-month law office study if practiced in another jurisdiction.

West Virginia Within one year of admission, must complete bridge-the-gap seminar.

Wyoming New admittees must complete the state bar's four-hour professionalism course within 12 months of admission.

If applicant, a graduate of a non-ABA-approved school, passes a bar examination in another state, is the applicant eligible to take your examination without additional legal education?

Alaska After five years' active practice in another jurisdiction in which applicant has been admitted.

Arizona After five years' active practice out of seven preceding application in Arizona.

California Yes, if admitted in another state.





Colorado Graduates of state-approved schools who have practiced five of the preceding seven years in a jurisdiction where admitted may sit for the bar examination.

Florida After ten years' active practice in another jurisdiction in which applicant has been duly admitted, the applicant may file a representative compilation of work product for evaluation by the Board.

Hawaii Yes, if applicant has actively practiced law for five of the six years immediately prior to application.

Kentucky After three years' active practice out of five years preceding application.

Maine After three years' active practice in one or more U.S. jurisdictions in which licensed.

Missouri After five years' active practice, at the discretion of the Board.

New Hampshire Only graduates of two non-ABA-approved law schools in Massachusetts and graduates of foreign law schools who meet other requirements are eligible.

New Mexico After four years' practice in another jurisdiction.

New York After five years of practice.

Oregon If applicant has been admitted to practice before the highest tribunal in another state, the District of Columbia, or a federal territory, has graduated from a law school equivalent to a law school approved by the American Bar Association and where requirements for admission are substantially equivalent to those of Oregon, and if applicant has been actively, substantially and continually engaged in the practice of law for at least three of the five years immediately preceding the taking of exam.

Pennsylvania If applicant graduated from a non-ABA-approved law school, the applicant must be admitted and in good standing in a reciprocal jurisdiction and have been engaged in the practice of law in a reciprocal jurisdiction for 5 out of the last 7 years immediately preceding the date of filing of the application.

Texas If licensed by another U.S. jurisdiction, a J.D. graduate of a non-ABA-approved school (not a correspondence school) may be eligible to take the Texas Bar Exam if (s)he has 3 out of last 5 years of lawful practice in a U.S. jurisdiction. An attorney licensed by another U.S. jurisdiction who does not hold a J.D., but who holds a foreign law degree, must in addition demonstrate that the law degree is from a non-correspondence law school is accredited in the jurisdiction where it exists and that is equivalent to a J.D..

Vermont If admitted in another jurisdiction.

Washington Admission to the practice of law by examination, together with current good standing, in any state or territory of the U.S. or District of Columbia or any jurisdiction where the common law of England is the basis of its jurisprudence, and active legal experience for at least 3 of 5 years immediately preceding filing of application.

West Virginia If admitted in another jurisdiction.

Wisconsin Must have received first professional degree in law from a law school whose graduates are eligible to take the bar exam of the jurisdiction in which the school is located, must have taken and passed the bar examination and been admitted to that or another U.S. jurisdiction.