

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
OCTOBER 5 AND 6, 2020 REMOTE) Administrative Order
BAR EXAMINATION RECIPROCITY) No. 2021 - 146
)
)
)
)
_____)

The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) offered jurisdictions an online bar examination that was given October 5 and 6, 2020 (“Remote Bar Examination”). The Remote Bar Examination was not a Uniform Bar Examination and consisted of 100 Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) questions, 3 Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) questions and 1 Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question. The October 2020 Remote Examination was administered in multiple jurisdictions, some of which entered into memoranda of understanding regarding score reciprocity.

On July 24, 2020, Arizona entered into a memorandum of understanding with NCBE that established criteria for the administration of the online bar examination. Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-150, Arizona administered the October 2020 Remote Bar Admission Examination. Arizona did not previously enter any reciprocity agreements.

It has now been determined appropriate to authorize reciprocity of scores between Arizona and other jurisdictions which administered the October 2020 Remote Bar Admission Examination in compliance with NCBE criteria.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Sections 3 of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1) The Arizona Supreme Court’s Certification and Licensing Division Director may enter into memoranda of understanding with Uniform Bar Examination jurisdictions that complied with the NCBE criteria to establish score reciprocity.
- 2) Arizona’s Committee on Examinations (Committee) and the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) shall accept total combined scores earned on the Remote Bar Examination from Uniform Bar Examination jurisdictions that administered the October 5 and 6, 2020 Remote Bar Exam and complied with the NCBE criteria.
- 3) Participating jurisdictions that administered the October 5 and 6, 2020 Remote Bar Examination as described must agree to provide written verification of their scores

in accordance with their jurisdiction's procedures to transfer the scaled score to Arizona on the applicant's request.

- 4) On written request of the applicant, Arizona's Certification and Licensing Division will provide written verification of the total scaled score earned in Arizona to only those jurisdictions that administered the October 5 and 6, 2020 Remote Bar Examination as described.
- 5) For reciprocity in Arizona, the minimum acceptable total scaled score must be 273.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the October 2020 Remote Bar Examination that was administered in accordance with the criteria above shall be considered reciprocal for purposes of applicants being eligible to submit an application for admission by Uniform Bar Examination Transfer Rules outlined in Rule 34(h) and (i), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2021.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice