

**Regulatory Services Department** 

### CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL (OPTIONAL)

### For Applicants Requesting Testing Accommodations on the Bar Examination

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: This form is <u>optional</u> but may assist in expediting review and consideration of an applicant's request. The Washington State Bar Association may seek recertification or further clarification of the applicant's condition or need for the requested testing accommodation in appropriate circumstances.

is requesting testing-accommodations for the Washington State Bar Exam.

(Print Applicant Name)

This form must be completed by a professional who is qualified to diagnose the applicant's disability and is familiar with its current impact on the applicant's ability to perform on the Washington State Bar Examination. The recommendations for testing accommodations must be specific, and diagnoses must support a current need for the accommodations. A description of the Washington State Bar Examination is contained within this form. This information and additional admissions requirements can be found at https://admissions.wsba.org/faq. Attach and sign extra pages to complete your answers as necessary.

### Description of the Washington State Bar Examination

Washington administers the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) to recent law school graduates and other qualified candidates seeking to be licensed to practice law in Washington. The standard administration of the UBE is a two-day, in-person examination administered in a large testing facility.

In the standard administration of the UBE, the first day consists of a total of six (6) hours of testing, divided into two (2) three (3) hour sessions. There is a one-hour and 15-minute lunch/break where applicants must leave the testing room between the morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session consists of six (6) Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) questions. The MEE questions require reading comprehension of fact patterns, identification of issues, legal reasoning and composition of essay style responses to specific legal questions. The afternoon session consists of two (2) Multistate Performance Test (MPT) tasks. The MPT tasks involve a simulated case file and call for the applicant to complete a task (*e.g.*, draft a letter to client, draft a memorandum, etc.) that demonstrates fundamental lawyering skills regardless of the area of law in which the task arises. The MEE questions and MPT task materials are delivered on paper and applicants' responses may be handwritten or typed within a secure testing software provided by a vendor on applicants' laptop computers. Applicants may freely use restroom facilities located adjacent to the examination space while the exam time runs.

The second day of testing consists of the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), a six (6) hour, 200-item, multiple choice standardized test. The MBE is administered over two (2) three (3) hour sessions, with 100 questions per session. The MBE requires reading comprehension of fact patterns, legal reasoning, and the selection of the best answer from four stated alternatives for each question. The 100 multiple-choice questions are presented in a single paper booklet. Applicants must mark the best answer by using a pencil to darken the appropriate bubble on a paper Scantron answer sheet. The MBE is machine scored. Applicants may navigate forward and backward among the 100 questions for that session and may allocate their time as they see fit among the group of questions for that session. There is a one-hour and 15-minute lunch/break between sessions. See additional information in <u>Bar Exam Security Policy</u>.



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Standard Schedule for the Washington State Bar Examination								
Day 1			Day 2					
Time	Event		Time	Event				
7:30 a.m.	Arrive for Registration		7:30 a.m.	Check In				
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	MEE Instructions		8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	MBE Instructions				
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	MEE (1-6)		8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	MBE (1-100)				
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Break/Lunch		11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Break/Lunch				
12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	MPT Instructions		12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	MBE Instructions				
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	MPT 1&2		1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	MBE (101-200)				

1. Qualified professional information: Please provide your information and attach a recent copy of your curriculum vitae to this certification.

Name:	
Title:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	Email:

Provide a brief statement describing your professional qualifications (highest degree, clinical specialty, licensure, etc.) that enable you to act in the capacity of a qualified professional regarding the applicant's physical and/or mental impairment:



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2. What is the applicant's specific diagnosis(es) for which they are seeking testing accommodations? [Check all that apply and specify in the blank fields]

Visual Impairment:
Hearing Impairment:
Physical impairment:
Psychological impairment:
Cognitive Impairment:
Learning Impairment:
Other:

- 3. Specify the most recent date on which you examined and/or treated the applicant for the diagnosis for which applicant is seeking testing accommodation(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. What are your findings in support of the diagnosis(es)? (Please describe relevant history, test administered, test results and interpretation of those test results). Attach a copy of the comprehensive evaluation report and the records, test results, or reports upon which you relied in making this diagnosis.

- 5. Based on your evaluation, this condition is
  - Temporary because (please also specify expected duration, if known, of applicant's condition requiring accommodation):

  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Describe the applicant's functional limitations due to the stated disability related to the applicant's ability to take the Washington State Bar Examination under standard testing conditions.



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7. After reviewing the standard testing conditions described herein, provide specific recommendations for testing accommodations, including a detailed explanation of why the accommodations are needed. If you are recommending additional time, please indicate the amount of time needed.

### **Question Format** (check all that apply):

- □ Braille
- □ Large print / 18-point font
- □ Large print / 24-point font
- Assistive technology (specify here) \_\_\_\_\_\_
- □ Other (specify here)

### Additional Testing Time:

Test Section	Standard Time	Additional Time Recommended					
Multistate Essay			25%		100%		
Examination (MEE) – 6 essay questions	3 hours		33%		Other (specify)		
			50%				
Multistate Performance Test (MPT) – 2 performance tasks			25%		100%		
	3 hours		33%		Other (specify)		
			50%				
Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) – 200 multiple choice questions			25%		100%		
	6 hours		33%		Other (specify)		
			50%				





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Other Accommodation(s) (check all that apply):

- □ Reader
- □ Scribe/Typist
- □ Reduced distraction exam room

#### **PROFESSIONAL'S SIGNATURE**

I certify that the information supplied on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of person completing this form (*Electronic signature accepted*)

Print Name

Title

Phone number

Date signed

\*\*A recent copy of your curriculum vitae must be attached. \*\*

Return this form to the applicant so that they can upload it with their request for testing accommodations.

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