

208 Candidates Pass July & September 2026 Washington State Bar Exam

SEATTLE, WA [October 9, 2026] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) announced that 208 candidates passed the NextGen Uniform Bar Exam administered in July & September 2026. Administered over a two-day period, the NextGen UBE is a substantive law exam for those seeking to be licensed in Washington to practice law as a lawyer. The exam includes multiple choice questions, integrated question sets of multiple-choice, medium-answer, and/or short-answer questions, and performance tasks. The other required component of the Washington Bar Exam is an exam on professional responsibility (the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam or MPRE). Completion of a separate online educational component with accompanying online exam addressing specific areas of Washington law (the Washington Law Component) is also required to qualify for admission. The WSBA will recommend successful candidates who also have passed a character and fitness review and completed other pre-licensing requirements to the Washington Supreme Court for entry of an order admitting them to the practice of law in Washington as a lawyer.

Passage percentages are given below.

July & September 2026 Washington State Bar Exam Statistics:

<u>Overall Pass Rates</u>				
Application Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	176	35	211	83.41 %
APR 6 Law Clerk	6	2	8	75.00 %
Non-ABA JD*/ ABA LLM	22	31	53	41.51 %
U.S. Non-ABA JD / ABA LLM	1	0	1	100.00 %
Common Law Attorneys	3	4	7	42.86 %
Total	208	72	280	74.29 %

First Time

Application Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	150	18	168	89.29 %
APR 6 Law Clerk	1	0	1	100.00 %
Non-ABA JD*/ ABA LLM	5	6	11	45.45 %
U.S. Non-ABA JD / ABA LLM	1	0	1	100.00 %
Common Law Attorneys	1	2	3	33.33 %
Total	158	26	184	85.87 %

Repeaters

Application Type	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass Rate
ABA-JD	26	17	43	60.47 %
APR 6 Law Clerk	5	2	7	71.43 %
Non-ABA JD*/ ABA LLM	17	25	42	40.48 %
U.S. Non-ABA JD / ABA LLM	0	0	0	0 %
Common Law Attorneys	2	2	4	50.00 %
Total	50	46	96	52.08 %

The average NextGen UBE score total was 642; the required passing score was 610.

* "Non-ABA JD" here refers to JD or other law degree outside the U.S.

About the Washington State Bar Association

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