

Division 12. Minimum, Cumulative Bar Examination Pass Rate

12.1 Criteria for Determining Compliance with Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M).

In evaluating the compliance of a law school with the accreditation standard set forth in Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M), a law school must maintain a minimum, cumulative bar examination pass rate (MPR) of at least 40 percent for the most recent five-year period of time. The rate will be calculated and reported annually to the Committee on or before ~~January 15th~~ ~~July 1st~~ of the year following each reporting period.

To calculate and report its MPR accurately, the law school must use the following reporting period and methodology: The reporting period covers the five most-recent twelve-month periods (~~July~~~~August~~ 1 through ~~June~~~~July 31~~~~30~~) prior to the calendar year in which the MPR is reported to the Committee and it includes the pass/fail results of all students who graduate during this reporting period. The reporting period ~~includes~~~~starts with~~ the ~~February~~~~July~~ administration of the California Bar Examination in the first twelve-month period~~year~~ and ends with the ~~July~~~~February~~ administration of the California Bar Examination in the last twelve month period in the reporting period. ~~the same calendar year in which a MPR is reported.~~

The methodology to be used to calculate a law school's~~a compliant~~ MPR ~~is a~~ percentage is to divide ~~of~~ the total number of a law school's graduates who graduate during the Reporting Period and then take and pass any one of the ten administrations of the California Bar Examination during the reporting period, ~~divided~~ by the total number of the school's graduates ~~during over the same five-year~~ the reporting period who take any of the same administrations of the California Bar Examination, pass or fail, and then convert and express the resulting numeral as a percentage. Graduates who choose not to take any bar examination will not be included in the calculation.

12.2 Action Taken When a Law School is in Noncompliance with Guideline 12.1.

If the Committee finds that a law school is not in compliance with this Guideline, it will issue a Notice of Noncompliance pursuant to Rule 4.170.

[Mandatory reporting of the MPR will initially begin on September 15,~~July 1~~ 2014 with a reporting period that starts with the ~~July~~~~February~~ 2009 administration of the California Bar Examination and ends with the July 2013 administration of the ~~February 2014~~ California Bar Examination. Starting in 2015, mandatory reporting will be due by January 15th of each calendar year thereafter.

An accredited law school must submit its MPR calculation using the Committee's form. The Committee may issue a Notice of Noncompliance to an accredited law school that is not in compliance with Guideline 12.1 by ~~July 1~~September 15, 2014. A law school that fails to report compliance with Guideline 12.1 in its 2016 MPR Report will be placed on probation by the Committee pursuant to Rule 4.172; a law school placed on probation that does not meet the terms of its probation by the end of 2017 will be subject to the loss of its accreditation.]

Guideline 12.1 & 12.2 adopted effective: April 26, 2014

The Committee of Bar Examiners
of
The State Bar of California



2014
CALIFORNIA ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT OF COMPLIANCE WITH
MINIMUM, CUMULATIVE BAR PASS RATE STANDARD
Rule 4.160(M); Guideline 12.1

Name of school: _____

Name of campus: _____

Report prepared by: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

The certification below must be signed and dated by the President or Dean of the law school.

I hereby certify that the statements and all information contained in and attached to this Annual Report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Title: _____

Print Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Instructions:

This Report is due by September 15, 2014. Please complete this Report using the definitions and calculation methodology as set forth below. A law school with more than one campus shall file this Report as it does its Annual Compliance Report, *i.e.*, if it files an Annual Compliance Report for each campus, it is to file this Report for each campus.

1. Reporting Period:

The “Reporting Period” for this Report is August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2013.

2. Qualified Taker:

For this Report, a “Qualified Taker” is a graduate of the law school who both: 1) graduated with a J.D. degree at any time during the Reporting Period; and 2) took any one of the ten administrations of the California Bar Examination (CBX) during the Reporting Period, *i.e.* the February 2009 administration through the July 2013 administration. A graduate who does not meet both requirements is not a Qualified Taker for this Report and is not be used to calculate a law school’s pass rate.

3. Minimum, Cumulative Bar Examination Pass Rate (MPR):

- a. Guideline 12.1 requires that “[a] law school must maintain a minimum, cumulative bar examination pass rate (MPR) of at least 40 percent for the most recent five-year period of time.”
- b. A law school’s MPR is to be calculated as a fraction that consists of the sum of all Qualified Takers who passed any administration of the CBX during the Reporting Period (the numerator) divided by the sum of all Qualified Takers who, whether they passed or failed, took any administration of the CBX during the Reporting Period (the denominator) with the resulting numeral expressed as a percentage.

4. Compliance Reporting:

- a. For this Reporting Period, did the law school (or campus) maintain an MPR of at least 40%, calculated by the methodology described in paragraph 3b above?

Yes No

5. Data in support of Compliance Reporting:

For this Reporting Period, please provide the following information and data:

- a. The law school’s (or campus’s) MPR, as calculated pursuant to 3b, is:
_____ %

b. Total Qualified Takers who passed the CBX in this Reporting Period:

c. Total Qualified Takers who took the CBX in this Reporting Period:

d. To confirm the percentage and totals reported above, please provide all of the following information in a separate attachment (Attachment A) to this Report:

1. For each Qualified Taker who is reported in response to Question 5b as having passed the CBX, please provide their name as it appears on the law school's CBX Pass/Fail List, as provided by the Office of Admissions, and the month and year of the CBX administration that the Qualified Taker passed.
2. For each Qualified Taker who is reported in response to Question 5c, but who took but did not pass any administration of the CBX during the Reporting Period, please provide their name as it appears on the law school's CBX Pass/Fail List, as provided by the Office of Admissions, and the date of their graduation from the law school.
3. The name, as it appears on the law school's Pass/Fail List, of each Qualified Taker, if reported in 5c, who took any one of the administrations of the CBX during this Reporting Period.

6. Explanation of Noncompliance:

If, as confirmed by the response to Question No. 4a, the law school was not compliant with Guideline 12.1 for this Reporting Period, please provide an detailed explanation for all factors and circumstances the law school believes was the cause for such non-compliance and a narrative discussion of past and current efforts taken by the law school to achieve and maintain compliance by the next Reporting Period.

Please use a separate attachment (Attachment B) to this Report to provide all such information.