

July 2021 North Carolina Bar Examination to be administered remotely

The National Conference of Bar Examiners recently announced that it will make a full set of examination materials (two MPTs, six MEEs, and 200 MBE questions) available for remote administration of the July 2021 Uniform Bar Examination (“UBE”) on the same dates as the scheduled in-person UBE administrations (July 27-28, 2021).

While the release and ongoing distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine is encouraging, the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners believes that with the phased eligibility of persons for vaccination in North Carolina and elsewhere, and the uncertain trajectory of the pandemic in the coming months, any plans for an in-person examination would remain at risk of cancellation based on changing pandemic conditions. The Board feels this risk creates an unacceptable level of uncertainty for applicants and could result in significant stress and anxiety.

In an effort to ensure that applicants are afforded an opportunity to sit for the bar examination in North Carolina in July 2021, and to protect the health and safety of all involved, the Board has decided to administer the July 2021 North Carolina bar examination remotely. Additionally, North Carolina will accept transfer scores from UBE jurisdictions that administer the examination in-person or remotely in July 2021. Further details regarding the examination will be posted in the coming weeks.