



# Yale Law School

## FAQs for New York Bar Exam Applications for Juris Doctor Candidates

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### *Application to Sit for the UBE in New York*

- **Total number of credits awarded to the applicant:** Use the final number of completed units for your degree; **if you are applying before the end of your final term at the Law School, use the number of units you expect to complete.**
- **Transfers:** Indicate the law school you attended in your first year of law school.
- **Transfer credits:** Indicate the number that you were awarded on matriculation at YLS (usually 28).
- **Stand-alone professional responsibility course minimum (2 units):** The only courses that can be reported for this question are those approved by the New York State Court of Appeals:
  - American Legal Profession
  - Challenges of a General Counsel
  - Ethics and the Government Lawyer
  - Ethics Bureau at Yale (do not include units for Advanced EBaY)
  - Ethics in Literature
  - History of the Common Law (**only** if completed between Fall 2008 and Fall 2017)
  - In-House Lawyering Ethics
  - Lawyering Ethics Clinic
  - Legal Ethics
  - Legal Profession: Ethics: Traversing the Ethical Minefield
  - Military Justice
  - Professional Responsibility
  - Professional Responsibility and the Legal Profession

If you completed any of the above-listed courses, indicate the units for those courses.

If you satisfied the YLS professional responsibility requirement for graduation through any other course or clinic, indicate “zero” (0).

- **Clinical Coursework:** Include units for any clinical components taught within the Law School by Law School faculty members, whether basic clinics, advanced clinics, or clinical fieldwork (e.g., WIRAC or VLSC).
  - **Field-Placement Programs and Externships:** In this category, report the units for the Medical Legal Partnership and Prosecution Externship.



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- In the subcategory “**credits awarded, if any, for a classroom instructional component of field placements and externships,**” report the units for the Medical Legal Partnership and Prosecution Externship.
- Note: Effective in 2015, there is no longer a maximum number of units of clinical work that can be counted toward eligibility to sit the bar.
- **Joint-Degree or Other Courses Taught Outside the Law School (12 units maximum):** Report units recorded on your Law School transcript for courses in other departments of the university and/or for credits awarded for joint-degree coursework at other departments or institutions.
- **Credits awarded for synchronous/asynchronous distance education courses:** Report “zero” (0)
- **Month and year applicant commenced the study of law:** Use the month/year that classes began at the law school you attended your first year. For Yale Law School, that is now almost always AUG/XXXX (*do not report the start of Orientation*).
- **Month and year the applicant completed all coursework:** Use the month/year in which the examination period ended in your final term at the Law School, usually DEC/XXXX (beginning in Fall 2015) or MAY/XXXX. *This date is not necessarily when your degree was awarded.*

## *Application for Admission to Practice as an Attorney*

### **Affidavit as to Applicant’s Compliance with the Skills Competency and Professional Values**

**Requirement:** As part of your application for admission to the New York Bar, when you complete this form, check off Pathway One, and send the form **Law School Certification of Competence in Skills and Professional Values**, along with the form **Law School Certificate**, to the Registrar’s Office for completion.

This Skills Competency and Professional Values Requirement applies to applicants for admission to the bar who commence their J.D. programs after August 1, 2016.

**Note: *Pro Bono* Requirement:** Those who are admitted to the New York bar on or after January 1, 2015 are required to have completed 50 hours of *pro bono* work before they can be sworn in to practice. Hours completed through clinical work during law school may be counted toward this requirement. Students are encouraged to review the documentation required for this requirement and to secure that documentation from clinical faculty before they graduate. The *pro bono* requirement may also be completed through work done after graduation from law school.

### *Further Resources*

Further information about the *pro bono* requirement, along with required documentation, is available at: <http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/baradmissionreqs.shtml>

More information on bar admission is available on the CDO web site at:

<https://www.law.yale.edu/student-life/career-development/students/career-guides-advice/bar-admission>