Idaho October Remote Bar Examination FAQs

1. What is the October remote bar exam?

The National Conference of Bar Examiners created the remote bar examination. The examination consists of 3 Multistate Essay Examination ("MEE") questions, 1 Multistate Performance Test ("MPT") tasks and 100 Multistate Bar Examination ("MBE") questions.

2. When is the remote bar exam?

October 5-6, 2020.

3. Are any additional fees required to take the October 2020 remote bar exam?

No.

4. Is the remote bar exam open book?

No.

5. How will the October remote bar exam be administered?

The exam will be administered using ExamSoft's testing platform. Examinees will take the exam on their personal computers or laptops with a web camera or camera attachment and microphone. The exam session will be recorded. Artificial intelligence will be used to track an examinee's behavior during the exam. Examinees must test on a device with reliable internet access and a working camera and microphone. Applicants will be responsible for securing the necessary electronic equipment and their own remote testing space/environment.

7. Will the remote bar exam questions be Idaho-specific?

No. The questions will be drafted by the NCBE and address generally applicable fundamental legal principles, equivalent to what would be tested on a Uniform Bar Examination ("UBE").

8. Will I earn a UBE score if I take the October 2020 remote bar exam?

No. The October 2020 remote bar exam is not a UBE and applicants taking the exam will not earn a UBE score transferrable to other UBE states. Passing the October remote bar exam will qualify the applicant for admission only in Idaho.

9. What is the passing score requirement for the remote bar exam?

The passing score will be 68% of the total points possible, consistent with how all Idaho bar exams are scored under Idaho Bar Commission Rule ("I.B.C.R.") 217.

10. How will the remote bar exam be graded?

The remote bar exam will be graded in accordance with the Bar Examination Grading Standards and Procedures issued by the Idaho Supreme Court, consistent with how all Idaho bar exams are graded.

11. When will results from the remote bar exam be released?

Results from the remote bar exam will be released on the Idaho State Bar's website on October 21, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

12. When will applicants who pass the remote bar exam be able to be sworn in?

We will work with the Idaho Supreme Court on this question. We anticipate applicants passing the remote exam will be able to be sworn in by the end of October or early November 2020.

- 13. If I take the July 2020 Idaho bar exam and fail can I take the October 2020 remote bar exam?
 No.
- 14. If I take a portion of the July 2020 bar exam but am not able to complete the exam due to COVID-related reasons, can I take the October remote bar exam?

No. Applicants who take a portion of the July 2020 bar exam but are unable to complete the entire exam will be deferred to the February 2021 bar exam.

15. I already deferred from the July 2020 bar exam to February 2021. Can I take the October remote bar exam?

Yes - if you completed your application for the July 2020 bar exam and deferred to the February 2021 bar exam, you may elect to take the October 2020 remote bar exam.

16. I was approved for reasonable accommodations on the July 2020 bar exam. If I elect to take the October 2020 remote exam, will my accommodations apply to that exam?

Yes, reasonable accommodations approvals for the July 2020 bar exam will be transferred to the October 2020 remote bar exam.