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**Alaska Bar Exam Minimum Passing Score Lowered to 270**

The Alaska Supreme Court signed [SCO 2002](#) on Monday, February 27, 2023 which lowered the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) minimum passing score required for admission to practice law in Alaska from 280 to 270. The rule is effective immediately. In order to help answer questions from past, current, and prospective applicants, we wanted to provide the following guidance.

**Applicants who took the February 2023 exam in Alaska:**

Since the rule is effective immediately, you will no longer need to receive a scaled score of 280 to pass. You will need to score a 270 or above. The results of the February 2023 Alaska Bar Exam will be released in early May after they have been approved by the Board of Governors. If you sat for the February 2023 exam and also had previously scored a 270 or above on the Alaska Bar Exam, we will be reaching out to you individually to discuss the best way to seek your admission.

**Applicants who have previously scored a 270 or above on the Alaska Bar or UBE administered in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia:**

You will be able to apply for admission via UBE Transfer if you scored a 270 or above within five years preceding the date of your application. For information on applying via a UBE transfer and the eligibility requirements, please visit our website [here](#).

**Individuals who had permits terminated because you scored below a 280 on the Alaska Bar Exam but you previously scored a 270 or above:**

You will be able to apply for admission via UBE Transfer if you scored a 270 or above within five years preceding the date of your application. For information on applying via a UBE transfer, please visit our website [here](#). Qualifying for admission under the rule change may allow you to submit a new application for admission via UBE Transfer, but does not alter the results of a previous examination. As a result, your permit will remain expired, and you do not qualify for a new permit.

**Future Applicants to the Bar via Alaska Bar Exam or UBE Transfer:**

You will need to achieve a scaled score of 270 to pass the Alaska Bar Exam. For information on applying via Alaska Bar Examination, please visit [here](#). You will need to score a 270 or above within five years preceding the date of your application for UBE Transfer. For information on applying via a UBE Transfer, please visit our website [here](#).

If you have any further questions, please contact the Alaska Bar Association at (907) 272-7469 or at [info@alaskabar.org](mailto:info@alaskabar.org).

Sincerely,

ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danielle Bailey", is written over a horizontal line.

Danielle Bailey  
Executive Director