

Curriculum Requirements for the California Bar Exam

Under Chapter 2, Rule 4.30 of the Admissions Rules for the State Bar of California, an applicant with a first degree in law from a law school located in a foreign state or country must:

Been awarded a Master of Law degree (LL.M) based on a minimum of twenty (20) semester or equivalent units of legal education that included a minimum of one course in four separate subjects tested on the California Bar Examination* of not less than a total of twelve (12) semester or equivalent units. One of the four courses must be Professional Responsibility that covers the California Rules of Professional Conduct, relevant sections of the California Business and Professions Code, the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and leading federal and state case law on the subject.

*Scope and Subject Coverage of the California Bar Exam:

The California Bar Exam covers the subjects of Business Associations, Civil Procedure, Community Property, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Real Property, Remedies, Torts, Trusts, and Wills and Succession. Except for portions of Civil Procedure, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, and Wills and Succession, the California Bar Exam does not test California-specific law. Instead, the exam tests "legal theories and principles of general application."

The information provided above is for general purposes only. It is not a complete list of all the regulations and requirements for admission to the California Bar. For a more comprehensive guide to admission, please see the State Bar of California's website at <http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/Education/LegalEducation/ForeignEducation.aspx>.