

Division 12. Minimum, Cumulative Bar Examination Pass Rate

12.1 Criteria for Determining Compliance with Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M).

In evaluating the compliance of a law school with the accreditation standard set forth in Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M), a law school must maintain a minimum, cumulative bar examination pass rate (MPR) of at least 40 percent for the most recent five-year reporting period ~~of time~~. The rate will be calculated and reported annually to the Committee on or before July 1st ~~January 15th~~ July 1st of the year following each reporting period.

To calculate and report its MPR accurately, the law school must use the following reporting period and methodology: The “reporting period” covers the five most-recent twelve-month periods (July~~August~~ 1 through ~~June~~ July 31~~30~~) prior to the calendar year in which the MPR is reported to the Committee.

For purposes of MPR calculation, a “qualified taker for the reporting period” includes any student who both graduates from the law school during the reporting period, and takes any administration of the California Bar Exam (CBX) during the reporting period or the first February administration after the reporting period that was also no more than 10 administrations after the taker’s graduation. A student who does not meet both requirements is not a qualified taker for the purpose of the MPR report and is not to be included in the calculation of a law school’s MRP.

~~and it included the pass/fail results of all the students who graduate during this reporting period. The reporting period includes starts with the ~~February~~July administration of the California Bar Examination in the first twelve month period year and ends with the ~~July~~February administration of the California Bar Examination in the last twelve month period in the reporting period. the same calendar year in which a MPR is reported.~~

~~The methodology to be used to calculate a law school’s a compliant MPR is a percentage is to divide of the total number of the a law school’s graduates who graduate during the Reporting Period and then take and pass any one of the ten administrations of the California Bar Examination during the reporting period, divided by the total number of the school’s graduates during over the same five year the reporting period who take any of the same administration of the California Bar Examination, pass or fail, and then convert and express the resulting numeral as a percentage.~~

A law school’s MRP is to be calculated as a fraction that is the sum of all qualified takers for the reporting period who passed any administration of the CBX during the reporting period or the first February administration after the reporting period that was no more than 10 administrations after the taker’s graduation (the numerator) divided by the sum of all qualified taker for the reporting period who, whether they passed or failed, took any administration of the California Bar Exam (CBX) during the reporting period or the first February administration after the reporting period that was also no more than 10 administrations after the taker’s graduation (the denominator), with the resulting numeral being expressed as a percentage. ~~Graduates who choose not to take any bar examination will not be included in the calculation.~~

12.2 Action Taken When a Law School is in Noncompliance with Guideline 12.1.

If the Committee finds that a law school is not in compliance with this Guideline, it will issue a Notice of ~~Non~~Noncompliance pursuant to Rule 4.170.

[Mandatory reporting of the MPR -will Initially begin on September 15~~July 1~~, 2014 with a reporting period that starts with the ~~July~~February 2009 administration of the California Bar Examination and ends with the July 2013 administration of the ~~February 2014~~ California Bar Examination. Starting in 2015, mandatory reports~~ing will be due by January 15th~~July 1 of each calendar year thereafter.]

~~-~~An accredited law school must submit its MPR calculation using the Committee's form. The Committee may issue a Notice of Noncompliance to an accredited law school that is not in compliance with Guideline 12.1 by ~~July 1~~September 15, 2014. A law school that fails to report compliance with Guideline 12.1 in its 2016 MPR Report will be placed on probation by the Committee pursuant to Rule 4.172; a law school placed on probation that does not meet the terms of its probation by the end of 2017 will be subject to the loss of its accreditation.]

Guideline 12.1 & 12.2 adopted effective: ~~April 26, 2014~~

The Committee of Bar Examiners
of
The State Bar of California



2014
CALIFORNIA ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL
PILOT: FLEXIBLE METHOD SUPPLEMENT
ANNUAL REPORT OF COMPLIANCE WITH
MINIMUM, CUMULATIVE BAR PASS RATE STANDARD
Rule 4.160(M); Guideline 12.1

Name of school: _____
Name of campus: _____
Report prepared by: _____
Title: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

The certification below must be signed and dated by the President or Dean of the law school.

I hereby certify that the statements and all information contained in and attached to this Annual Report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____
Dated: _____
Title: _____
Print Name: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Instructions:

This Flexible Method Supplement may be submitted with, but not in lieu of, the Pilot Annual Report of Compliance, at the election of the law school. If submitted, it is due by September 15, 2014. Please complete this Report using the definitions and calculation methodology as set forth below. A law school that elects to file a Flexible Method Supplement and that has more than one campus shall file this Supplement as it does its Annual Compliance Report, *i.e.*, if it files an Annual Compliance Report for each campus, it is to file this Supplement for each campus.

1. Reporting Period:

The "Reporting Period" for this Report is August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2013.

2. Qualified Taker:

For this Report, a "Qualified Taker" is any graduate of the law school who both:

- a. Graduated with a J.D. degree at any time during the Reporting Period; AND
- b. took any administration of the California Bar Examination (CBX) from February 2009 through February 2014 that was also no more than 10 administrations after the taker's graduation.

A graduate who does not meet both requirements is not a Qualified Taker for this Report and is not be used to calculate a law school's pass rate.

3. Flexible Method Supplement: Minimum, Cumulative Bar Examination Pass Rate (MPR):

- a. Guideline 12.1 requires that "[a] law school must maintain a ~~minimum~~ cumulative bar examination pass rate (MPR) of at least 40 percent for the ~~most~~ recent five-year period of time."
- b. For the Flexible Method Supplement, a law school's MPR is to be calculated as a fraction that consists of the sum of all Qualified Takers who passed any administration of the California Bar Examination (CBX) from February 2009 through February 2014 that was also no more than 10 administrations after the taker's graduation (the numerator) divided by the sum of all Qualified Takers who, whether they passed or failed, took any administration of the California Bar Examination (CBX) from February 2009 through February 2014 that was also no more than 10 administrations after the taker's graduation (the denominator) with the resulting numeral expressed as a percentage.

4. Flexible Method Supplement Compliance Reporting:

For this Reporting Period, did the law school (or campus) maintain an MPR of at least 40%, calculated by the methodology described in paragraph 3. b above?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Data in support of Flexible Method Supplement Compliance Reporting:

For this Reporting Period, please provide the following information and data:

- a. The law school's (or campus) Flexible Method MPR, as calculated pursuant to 3. b, is:
_____ %
- b. Total number of Qualified Takers who passed the CBX under the Flexible Method calculation:

- c. Total of Qualified Takers (pass or fail) who took the CBX under the Flexible Method calculation:

- d. To confirm the percentage and totals reported above, please provide all of the following information in a separate attachment (Attachment A) to this Flexible Method Supplement:
 1. For all Qualified Takers reported in response to Question 5. b as having passed the CBX, please provide each of their names as it appears on the law school's CBX Pass/Fail List, as provided by the Office of Admissions, along with the month and year of the CBX administration that the Qualified Taker passed.
 2. For all Qualified Takers reported in response to Question 5. c as having taken but not passing any administration of the CBX during the Reporting Period, please provide each of their names as it appears on the law school's CBX Pass/Fail List, as provided by the Office of Admissions, along with the month and year of the first CBX administration taken during the Reporting Period.