

Bar Passage Questionnaire for Standard 509

Note: At its meeting in June 2017, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar approved a new Bar Passage Questionnaire. Bar Passage information will no longer be collected in the Annual Questionnaire. By moving the bar passage data collection to a different questionnaire, the Council will get more timely collection of data. In the first year, the Council will collect information for both 2016 and 2017. [The 2016 data would have been collected in the 2017 AQ.] Thereafter, we will collect one year of information each year. Until sufficient data has been collected using the new Bar Passage Questionnaire, data can be pulled from prior Annual Questionnaires to complete the reports.

The new Bar Passage Questionnaire collects both first-time and ultimate bar passage information for purposes of Standard 509, Consumer Information. The information on first-time bar passage is the same as what is currently requested in the Annual Questionnaire. For ultimate bar passage, the questionnaire follows graduates by calendar year of graduation and asks for information about the number who passed the bar examination within one year after graduation and within two years after graduation.

Part I. FIRST-TIME BAR PASSAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

- A. Number of graduates in calendar year 2017 _____
- B. Number of 2017 graduates who DID NOT take the bar in any jurisdiction in 2017 _____
- C. Number of graduates from prior years who took the bar for the first time in 2017 in any jurisdiction _____
- D. Number of 2017 graduates for whom no information is available _____
- E. Total number of graduates who took the bar for the FIRST TIME in any jurisdiction in 2017 (Report only first time takers) _____

For each jurisdiction where graduates took the bar, provide:

Jurisdiction

of Takers

of Passers

Sample Report for new Bar Passage Questionnaire – First time bar passage

	A	B	C	D	E	F		G	
Calendar Year	Total Graduates in Calendar Year	# from Calendar Year NOT taking Bar Exam	# from Previous Years Taking Bar for FIRST Time in Calendar Year	# from Calendar Year with no information	Total First Time Takers in any jurisdiction	Total who passed the bar in any jurisdiction	ABA first time weighted average pass rate	Percent who passed the bar in any jurisdiction	Law School weighted average pass rate
2017	115	18	20	5	112	84		75.00	
2016	168	24	19	9	154	120		77.92	
2015	181	26	11	10	156	115		73.72	

Plus detail on each jurisdiction for each year.

Detail 2017

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Part II. ULTIMATE BAR PASSAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

Reporting on graduates by calendar year.

Graduates in 2015 calendar year (graduates from Jan – Dec 2015)

In January 2018, we will ask about the number who took within two years of graduation for the class of 2015.

Graduates in 2016 Calendar year (graduates from Jan – Dec 2016)

In January 2018, we'll ask about the number who took within one year of graduation for the class of 2016.

Graduates in Calendar Year 2015

A. Number of graduates in calendar year 2015

B. Number who sat for a bar examination within **two years** of their date of graduation.

Total number of takers

Total number of passers

C. Number of 2015 graduates for whom no information is available

D. Number of graduates who did not take a bar examination within two years of their date of graduation

Graduates in Calendar Year 2016

A. Number of graduates in calendar year 2016

B. Number who sat for a bar examination within **one year** of their date of graduation.

Total number of takers

Total number of passers

Note: Opportunities to take the bar examination for different cohorts in a calendar year.

Graduates in calendar year 2015

May graduates: July 2015, February 2016, July 2016, February 2017

August graduates: February 2016, July 2016, February 2017, July 2017

December graduates: February 2016, July 2016, February 2017, July 2017

Report on Ultimate Bar Passage

Calendar Year of graduation	# of grads in calendar year	Grads who sat for a bar examination within one year of their date of graduation.			Grads who sat for a bar examination within two years of their date of graduation.			# with no information	# who did not take a bar within two years of graduation
		# of takers	# who passed	% that passed	# of takers	# who passed	% that passed		
2016	100	88	63	72%	-	-	-	-	-
2015	100	90	60	67%	95	82	86%	2	3