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# 727 Candidates Pass Summer 2013 Washington State Bar Exam

*Test takers earned an 85% overall pass rate under new Uniform Bar Exam test format*

SEATTLE, WA [Sept. 16, 2013] — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) announced that 727 candidates passed the bar exam administered in July 2013. Of the 857 candidates who took the exam, 84.8 percent passed. Administered over a two-day period, the bar exam is a substantive law exam that includes multiple choice, essay and performance questions. A separate exam on professional responsibility (the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam or MPRE), and a separate educational component and exam addressing specific areas of Washington law (the Washington Law Component), are also required to qualify for admission.

By comparison, 575 candidates passed the bar exam administered in July 2012. Of the 878 candidates who took the exam, 65.5 percent passed.

See the full pass list on our website. Passage percentages are given below.

**Summer 2013 Washington State Bar Exam Statistics**
Summer 2013 was Washington's first administration of the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE); therefore, no applicants were considered "repeating applicants," even if they had previously sat for, and failed, the bar exam in Washington. For statistical purposes, all applicants were considered first-time test takers; therefore, the pass rate for "first-time test takers" is the same as the "overall pass rate."

## Overall Pass Rates

| Applicant Type | Pass | Fail | Total | % Pass | % Fail |
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| **Attorney** | 70 | 10 | 80 | 87.5 | 12.5 |
| **General** | 655 | 120 | 775 | 84.5 | 15.5 |
| **Foreign** | 2 | 0 | 2 | 100 | 0 |
| **Total** | 727 | 130 | 857 | 84.8 | 15.2 |

The average UBE score total was 299; the required passing score was 270.

**About the Washington State Bar Association**
The WSBA is authorized by the Washington State Supreme Court to license the state's 35,400 lawyers. The WSBA both regulates lawyers under the authority of the Court and serves its members as a professional association — all without public funding. The WSBA's mission is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

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