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247 Candidates Pass Winter 2013 Washington State Bar Exam

(SEATTLE) — The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) announced today that 247 candidates passed the bar exam administered in February 2013. Of the 421 candidates who took the exam, 58.7 percent passed. Administered in two parts over a three-day period, the bar exam includes a substantive law exam and an exam on the Rules of Professional Conduct (ethics). Candidates must successfully pass both parts in order to qualify for admission to the WSBA. If a candidate passes one part of the exam and fails the other, that candidate may sit for the next exam without having to retake the portion previously passed.

By comparison, 304 candidates passed the bar exam administered in February 2012. Of the 470 candidates who took the exam, 64.7 percent passed.

See the full [pass list](#) on our website. Passage percentages are given below.

About the Washington State Bar Association

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch and 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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Passage Percentages from Winter 2013 Bar Exam

421 applicants took exam
317 applicants took substantive portion
354 applicants took RPC portion
247 applicants are eligible to be admitted

Overall pass

All applicants	58.7%
Attorney applicants	66.7%
General applicants	56.1%
First time general applicants	57.9%
Rule 18 reciprocal applicants*	69.2%

Overall pass rate per exam portion

Substantive		Professional Responsibility	
All applicants	67.5%	All applicants	64.7%
Attorney applicants	78.3%	Attorney applicants	78.1%
General applicants	64.1%	General applicants	59.9%
		Rule 18*	69.2%

First-time takers

Substantive		Professional Responsibility	
All applicants	71.6%	All applicants	68%
Attorney applicants	77.8%	Attorney applicants	80.2%
General applicants	67.3%	General applicants	58.5%
		Rule 18*	72.7%

Repeaters

Substantive		Professional Responsibility	
All applicants	61.4%	All applicants	60.4%
Attorney applicants	81.8%	Attorney applicants	66.7%
General applicants	60.9%	General applicant	61.1%
		Rule 18*	50%

*Under APR 18, lawyers from other states, U.S. territories, or the District of Columbia are admitted to the WSBA on the same terms and conditions that a Washington lawyer could be admitted in the other state. This rule also enables Washington lawyers to seek admission in those states that provide for some form of reciprocal admission.

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