

All India Bar Examination (AIBE): What Every Law Graduate Should Know

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About the Examination

The All India Bar Examination (AIBE) is conducted by the Bar Council of India to certify that a law graduate who has enrolled with a State Bar Council possesses the minimum competence required to practise law in India. Clearing the AIBE is mandatory to receive a 'Certificate of Practice'.

Exam Format

Aspect	Detail
Type	Objective (multiple choice), open book — bare acts may be carried into the exam hall
Subjects Covered	Constitutional Law, CPC, CrPC/BNS, Evidence Act, IPC/BNS, Contract, Family Law, Professional Ethics, ADR, among others
Passing Criteria	Broadly around 40–45% for General category and lower for reserved categories, subject to the Bar Council's current norms

Who Should Take It

- Every law graduate who has enrolled with a State Bar Council after completing LL.B. and wishes to practise in courts.
- It is an open-book, competence test rather than a highly competitive ranking exam — the objective is to certify a baseline standard, not to rank candidates against each other.

Preparation Tips

- Since it is open-book, focus preparation on knowing where to find the right provision quickly rather than rote memorisation.
- Tab and organise your bare acts in advance — time management during the exam depends heavily on this.
- Revise professional ethics and case law on advocate misconduct, a commonly tested area.

Dates, fees and vacancy numbers change every recruitment cycle. This guide covers the standing eligibility and exam pattern — always cross-check the current year's details on the official notification before applying.

