Arkansas

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Bar Admission Agency

Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners
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Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 374-1855
Fax: (501) 374-1853
Visit Website (https://www.arcourts.gov/administration/professional-programs/asble)

Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**
MPRE Minimum Passing Score **85**
MPRE Score Time Parameters

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, Courtesy Seating, and Attorneys' Exams

Minimum passing MPRE score **85**
Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must be earned or achieved? **Yes**
Are MBE scores accepted for transfer from other jurisdictions? **No**
Is courtesy seating allowed? **Yes**
Is an Attorneys' Exam offered? **No**
To qualify for the Attorneys' Exam, must an applicant be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school? —
Attorneys' Exam fee —

Bar Exam Eligibility, Deadlines, and Fees

ABA-Approved Law School J.D. Required **Yes**
Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility **No**
Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

July 2026: First filing deadline **April 1**
July 2026: Late filing deadline —
February 2027: First filing deadline **Nov. 15**
February 2027: Late filing deadline —
Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **$1,000**
Bar exam fee for attorneys **$1,000**
Bar exam fee for repeaters **$1,000**
Fee for laptops, if permitted **$0**

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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **Yes**
Minimum Legacy UBE Score **270**
Accepts NextGen UBE Score **No**
Maximum Score Age **36 months**

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination or by Transferred UBE Score

Date of first UBE administration **February 2020**
Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **No**
Minimum passing UBE score **270**
Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? **no limit**
Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) **36 months**
Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **No**
Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **$1,500**
Notes

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**
Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No**

Bar Exam

NextGen UBE **No**
Legacy UBE **Yes**
Minimum Passing Score **270**
Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**
Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No**

Admission on Motion

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion **Yes**

Admission on Motion—Years of Practice and Definition of Practice

Do the rules provide for admission on motion? **Yes**
What is the number of years of practice required for admission on motion? **3 of past 5**
What does the definition of practice for purposes of admission on motion include?
Law teaching, gov't agency, military, in-house corporate, judicial court of record
Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? **No**
Admission on motion fee **$1,500**

Legal Education and Reciprocity Requirements

Admission on Motion—Legal Education and Reciprocity Requirements

Must an applicant for admission on motion be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school? **Yes**
Is admission on motion based on reciprocity (that is, is it limited to candidates from some or all jurisdictions offering admission on motion)? **Yes**
Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? **Yes**

Number of Years of Practice Required **3 of past 5**

Disclaimer

Since jurisdiction rules and policies change, NCBE strongly advises consulting the jurisdiction's bar admission agency directly for the most current information.