



District of Columbia has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in February 2028. Visit <https://www.ncbe.org/exams/nextgen/exams/nextgen> to learn more about the new exam.

District of Columbia requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE. Visit the NCBE Study Aids Store (<https://store.ncbe.org/>) to purchase the Bar Exam Everything Value Pack (<https://store.ncbe.org/the-everything-value-pack/>) which includes MBE, MEE, and MPT study aids; and MPRE study aids (<https://store.ncbe.org/mpre/>) to help prepare for District of Columbia exams.

### Bar Admission Agency

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### Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

### MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**

MPRE Minimum Passing Score **75**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

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

Minimum passing MPRE score **75**

Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must be earned or achieved? **No**

Are MBE scores accepted for transfer from other jurisdictions? **No**

Is courtesy seating allowed? **No**

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 **No**

#### Domestic Legal Education

Is eligibility to take the bar exam limited to JD or LLB graduates of ABA-approved law schools? **No**

If eligibility to take the bar exam is not limited to JD or LLB graduates of ABA-approved law schools, what other means of domestic legal study are permitted for bar exam applicants?

**Non-ABA-approved out-of-state law school**

Additional requirements **Specified number of hours at ABA-approved law school**

Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility **Yes**

## Foreign Legal Education

Are graduates of foreign law schools eligible for admission by examination? **Yes**

If graduates of foreign law schools are eligible for admission by examination, what additional requirements pertain?

**Additional education at an ABA-approved law school; foreign law degree must meet certain requirements and must be evaluated by the jurisdiction**

If a foreign law school graduate obtains an LLM or other graduate law degree from an ABA-approved law school, is the graduate then eligible to take the bar exam on this basis alone?

**No**

## Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

### Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

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## Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum Legacy UBE Score **266**

Accepts NextGen UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum NextGen UBE Score **616**

Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **July 2026**

Maximum Score Age **5 years**

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

Date of first UBE administration **July 2016**

Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **No**

Minimum passing UBE score **266**

Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? **4**

Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) **5 years**

Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **Yes**

Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$405 (plus C&F fee)**

Notes

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

## Bar Exam

NextGen UBE **Yes**Date First Administration **February 2028**Minimum Passing Score **616**NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **TBA**Legacy UBE **Yes**Date Final Administration **July 2027**Minimum Passing Score **266**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**What does the definition of practice for purposes of admission on motion include? **—**Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? **No**Admission on motion fee **\$595 (plus C&F fee); fee effective 4/1/24**

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? **No**Is admission on motion based on reciprocity (that is, is it limited to candidates from some or all jurisdictions offering admission on motion)? **No**Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? **Yes**Number of Years of Practice Required **3**

## Disclaimer

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