Delaware

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Delaware has announced that it intends to first administer the NextGen UBE in February 2028. Visit https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen (/exams/nextgen) to learn more about the new exam.

Delaware requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MPT, and MPRE. Visit Official NCBE Study Aids (https://www.ncbex.org/study-aids) to purchase study aids to help prepare for Delaware 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 **85**
MPRE Score Time Parameters

Non–Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, 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 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**
Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility **Yes**
Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

Non–Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

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July 2026: Late filing deadline **May 7**
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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **$700 / $900**
Bar exam fee for attorneys **$800 / $1,000**
Bar exam fee for repeaters **$700 / $900**
Fee for laptops, if permitted **$100**

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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **No**
Accepts NextGen UBE Score **TBA**
Minimum NextGen UBE Score **TBA**
Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **TBA**
Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**
Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No**

Bar Exam

NextGen UBE **Yes**
Date First Administration **February 2028**
Minimum Passing Score **TBA**
NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**

NextGen Bar Exam Jurisdictions—Date of First Administration, Acceptance of Transferred Scores, and Jurisdiction-Specific Components

Date of first NextGen UBE administration **February 2028**
Minimum passing NextGen UBE score **TBA**
Date accepting transferred NextGen UBE scores **TBA**
Is there a jurisdiction-specific admission prerequisite? **Yes**

Legacy UBE **No**
Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **Yes**

Non–Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **Yes**
Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) **No**
Multistate Performance Test (MPT) **Yes**
Jurisdiction-drafted exam (essay, multiple-choice, or performance test) **Yes**
How many times may an applicant take the exam without special permission? **no limit**

Minimum Passing Score **143**

Non–Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Grading and Scoring

Average grading/reporting period (February/July exams) **9 weeks / 11 weeks**
Are both the MBE and a written component administered? **Yes**
Is the written component scaled to the MBE? **Yes**
Are the MBE and written component scores combined? **Yes**
% MBE weight (of combined score) **50**
% MEE and/or local essay weight (of combined score) **(see suppl. remarks)**
% MPT and/or local PT weight (of combined score) **(see suppl. remarks)**
% Local component weight (of combined score) **—**
Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on reported score scale **143**
Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on 200-point scale **143**
MPRE minimum passing standard (on scale of 50 to 150) **85**

Admission on Motion

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion **No**

Disclaimer

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