



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

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

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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

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 Bar admission in another state, specified number of years of practice

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?

Legal education in English common law, practice of law in foreign 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

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Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

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

July 2025: First filing deadline April 1

July 2025: Late filing deadline —

February 2026: First filing deadline Nov. 1
February 2026: Late filing deadline —

Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) \$500 (plus C&F fee)

Bar exam fee for attorneys \$500 (plus C&F fee)
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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score No

Minimum NextGen UBE Score TBA

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement Yes

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores No

Bar Exam

Legacy UBE No

NextGen UBE Yes

Date First Administration July 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 bar exam administration July 2028

Date accepting transferred NextGen scores —

Is there a jurisdiction-specific admission prerequisite? Yes

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam Yes

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Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) Yes

Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) Yes

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 132

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Grading and Scoring

Average grading/reporting period (February/July exams) both 10-12 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) (see suppl. remarks)

Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on reported score scale 132

Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on 200-point scale 132

MPRE minimum passing standard (on scale of 50 to 150) 85

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Admission on Motion

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion No

Admission on Motion—Years of Practice and Definition of Practice

Do the rules provide for admission on motion? No (permitted only on a limited basis)

What is the number of years of practice required for admission on motion? —

What does the definition of practice for purposes of admission on motion include? Law teaching, military

Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? Yes

Admission on motion fee \$500 (plus C&F fee)

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)? —

Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? —

Disclaimer

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

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