

Hawaii has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2028. Visit <https://www.ncbex.org/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 \(https://store.ncbex.org/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/) to purchase the [Bar Exam Everything Value Pack \(https://store.ncbex.org/the-everything-value-pack/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/the-everything-value-pack/) which includes MBE, MEE, and MPT study aids; and [MPRE study aids \(https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/) to help prepare for Hawaii 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**

### 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**

## Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

**Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees**July 2026: First filing deadline **April 1**

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Date accepting transferred NextGen UBE scores —

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) **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**

**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.