



lowa has announced that it intends to first administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2027. Visit https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen (/exams/nextgen) to learn more about the new exam.

lowa 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 lowa exams.

Bar Admission Agency

Iowa Board of Law Examiners Office of Professional Regulation

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Des Moines, IA 50319 Phone: <u>(515) 348-4670</u> Fax: <u>(515) 348-4698</u>

Visit Website (https://www.iowacourts.gov)

Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required Yes

MPRE Minimum Passing Score 80

MPRE Score Time Parameters

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

Minimum passing MPRE score 80

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? 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 2025: First filing deadline April 1

July 2025: Late filing deadline —

February 2026: First filing deadline Nov. 1

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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) \$550 / \$800

Bar exam fee for attorneys \$800

Bar exam fee for repeaters \$550 (non-attorney repeaters) / \$800 (attorney repeaters)

Fee for laptops, if permitted \$122

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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 TBA

Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score TBA

Maximum Score Age 2 years/5 years

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

Date of first UBE administration February 2016

Minimum passing UBE score 266

Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? $\, {f 2} \,$

Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) 2 years / 5 years

Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? $\,$ $\,$ $\!$ No $\,$

Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score \$900

Notes

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement No

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores No

Bar Exam

Legacy UBE Yes

Date Final Administration February 2027

Minimum Passing Score 266

Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement $\ \mathbf{No}$

NextGen UBE Yes

Date First Administration July 2027

Minimum Passing Score TBA

NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement TBA

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam No

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Admission on Motion

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion Yes

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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? 5 of past 7

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 \$900 (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? 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**

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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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