



Kentucky has announced that it intends to first administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2027. Visit <a href="https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen">https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen</a> (/exams/nextgen) to learn more about the new exam.

Kentucky 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 Kentucky exams.

# **Bar Admission Agency**

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# **Character & Fitness Investigations**

This jurisdiction does not use NCBE's character and fitness services; please contact Kentucky for filing instructions.

#### **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? (see suppl. remarks)

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

Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility Yes

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# 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?

Practice of law in foreign jurisdiction, determination of educational equivalency

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

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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 TBA

Maximum Score Age 5 years

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 No

NextGen UBE Yes

Date First Administration July 2027

Minimum Passing Score 616

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NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement No Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam No

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# **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? 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 \$1,500

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)? Yes

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

Number of Years of Practice Required 5 of past 7

#### 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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