

Maryland is administering the NextGen UBE in July 2026. Visit <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen> (/exams/nextgen) to learn more about the new exam.

Maryland requires the following NCBE exams: the NextGen UBE and MPRE. Visit the NCBE Study Aids Store (<https://www.starttest.com/starttest2/12.3/router?programid=341&session=24872&code=76099ee5-024c-4cbb-82a7-6d9bba0ca15d&cmd=GetPage&redirect=1&page=ShoppingCatalog>) to purchase NextGen study aids; and MPRE study aids (<https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/>) to help prepare for Maryland exams.

## Bar Admission Agency

### Maryland State Board of Law Examiners

Judiciary A-POD, 580 Taylor Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Phone: (410) 260-3640

[Visit Website \(https://www.mdcourts.gov/ble\)](https://www.mdcourts.gov/ble)

## Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

## MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**

MPRE Minimum Passing Score **85**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

### Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, Courtesy Seating, 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 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?

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Additional requirements **Bar admission in another state**

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?

**Additional education at an ABA-approved law school, admission in another US 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

## Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

July 2026: First filing deadline **May 1**  
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 February 2027: First filing deadline **Dec. 1**  
 February 2027: Late filing deadline —  
 Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$750**  
 Bar exam fee for attorneys **\$750**  
 Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$400**  
 Fee for laptops, if permitted **\$130**

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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 **July 2026**  
 Maximum Score Age **3 years**

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

Date of first UBE administration **July 2019**  
 Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **Yes**  
 Minimum passing UBE score **266**  
 Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? **no limit**  
 Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) **3 years**  
 Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **Yes**  
 Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$750**  
 Notes

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**  
 Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No**

## Bar Exam

NextGen UBE **Yes**  
 Date First Administration **July 2026**  
 Minimum Passing Score **616**  
 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 **July 2026**

Minimum passing NextGen UBE score **616**

Date accepting transferred NextGen UBE scores **July 2026**

Is there a jurisdiction-specific admission prerequisite? **Yes**

Legacy UBE **No**

Date Final Administration **February 2026**

Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**

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Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **Yes**

Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$750**

Notes

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No**

### Admission on Motion

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion **Yes**

Number of Years of Practice Required **3 of past 5 or 10 total**

### Disclaimer

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