Michigan

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

Michigan requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE. Visit Official NCBE Study Aids (https://www.ncbex.org/study-aids) to purchase study aids to help prepare for Michigan exams.

Bar Admission Agency

Michigan Board of Law Examiners

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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

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? **No**

Are MBE scores accepted for transfer from other jurisdictions? **Yes**

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 **See supplemental remarks**

Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility **No**

Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

July 2026: First filing deadline **March 1**

July 2026: Late filing deadline **May 15**

February 2027: First filing deadline **Nov. 1**

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Bar exam fee for attorneys **$400 (plus C&F fee)**
Bar exam fee for repeaters **$300 (see suppl. remarks)**
Fee for laptops, if permitted **fee varies**

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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **Yes**
Minimum Legacy UBE Score **268**
Accepts NextGen UBE Score **TBA**
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Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **TBA**
Maximum Score Age **3 years**

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

Date of first UBE administration **February 2023**
Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **Yes**
Minimum passing UBE score **268**
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 **$400**
Notes

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**
Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **Yes**

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Bar Exam

NextGen UBE **Yes**

Date First Administration **July 2028**
Minimum Passing Score **TBA**
NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **TBA**
Legacy UBE **Yes**
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Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No**

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? **3 of past 5**
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 **$800 (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)? **No**
Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? **Yes**

Number of Years of Practice Required **3 of past 5**

Disclaimer

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