

The Northern Mariana Islands announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2026. Visit <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen/exams/nextgen> to learn more about the new exam.

The Northern Mariana Islands 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 Northern Mariana Islands 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 **80**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

### Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, and Attorneys' Exams

Minimum passing MPRE score **80**

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? **Yes**

Is an Attorneys' Exam offered? **Yes**

To qualify for the Attorneys' Exam, must an applicant be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school? **Yes**

Attorneys' Exam fee **\$1,000**

## Bar Exam Eligibility, Deadlines, and Fees

ABA-Approved Law School J.D. Required **Yes**

Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility **No**

Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

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

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July 2025: Late filing deadline **June 5**

February 2026: First filing deadline **Dec. 22**

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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$500**

Bar exam fee for attorneys **\$1,000**

Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$500 (non-attorney repeaters) / \$1,000 (attorney repeaters)**

Fee for laptops, if permitted **—**

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### Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Grading and Scoring

Average grading/reporting period (February/July exams) **both 8–9 wks**  
 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) **30**  
 % MPT and/or local PT weight (of combined score) **20**  
 % Local component weight (of combined score) **—**  
 Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on reported score scale **260**  
 Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on 200-point scale **—**  
 MPRE minimum passing standard (on scale of 50 to 150) **80**

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### 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? **Gov't agency**  
 Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? **No**  
 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.