

The Northern Mariana Islands announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2026. Visit https://www.ncbex.org/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

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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)

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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score No

Accepts NextGen UBE Score Yes

Minimum NextGen UBE Score TBA

Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score TBA

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement No

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores Yes

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Bar Exam

Legacy UBE No

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NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement TBA

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam Yes

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) Yes

Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) Yes

Multistate Performance Test (MPT) Yes

Jurisdiction-drafted exam (essay, multiple-choice, or performance test) Yes

How many times may an applicant take the exam without special permission? no limit

Minimum Passing Score 260

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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.

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