

The Northern Mariana Islands are administering the NextGen UBE 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: the NextGen UBE and MPRE. Visit the [NCBE Study Aids Store \(https://www.starttest.com/starttest2/12.3/router?programid=341&session=24872&code=76099ee5-024c-4cbb-82a7-6d9bba0ca15d&cmd=GetPage&redirect=1&page=ShoppingCatalog\)](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 \(https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/) to help prepare for Northern Mariana Islands exams.

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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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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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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **Yes**

Accepts NextGen UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum NextGen UBE Score **615**

Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **July 2026**

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **Yes**

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Bar Exam

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NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **TBA**

Legacy UBE **No**

Date Final Administration **February 2026**

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **Yes**

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **—**

Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) **—**

Multistate Performance Test (MPT) **—**

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**

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**

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.