Northern Mariana Islands

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The Northern Mariana Islands administer the NextGen UBE. 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 Official NCBE Study Aids (https://www.ncbex.org/study-aids) to purchase study aids 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

July 2026: First filing deadline **May 22**
July 2026: Late filing deadline **June 5**
February 2027: First filing deadline **Dec. 22**
February 2027: Late filing deadline **Jan. 5**
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

NextGen UBE **Yes**
Date First Administration **July 2026**
Minimum Passing Score **615**
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.