

North Carolina has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2028. Visit <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen> to learn more about the new exam.

**North Carolina requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE.** Visit the [NCBE Study Aids Store \(https://store.ncbex.org/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/) to purchase the [Bar Exam Everything Value Pack \(https://store.ncbex.org/the-everything-value-pack/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/the-everything-value-pack/) which includes MBE, MEE, and MPT study aids; and [MPRE study aids \(https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/) to help prepare for North Carolina exams.

## Bar Admission Agency

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## Character & Fitness Investigations

This jurisdiction does not use NCBE's character and fitness services; please contact North Carolina for filing instructions.

## MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**

MPRE Minimum Passing Score **80**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

### Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, Courtesy Seating, 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? **No**

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 **Bar admission in another state**

Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility **Yes**

## Foreign Legal Education

Are graduates of foreign law schools eligible for admission by examination? **Yes**

If graduates of foreign law schools are eligible for admission by examination, what additional requirements pertain?

**Admission in another US jurisdiction**

If a foreign law school graduate obtains an LLM or other graduate law degree from an ABA-approved law school, is the graduate then eligible to take the bar exam on this basis alone?

**No**

## Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

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

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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$850**

Bar exam fee for attorneys **\$1,650**

Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$400**

Fee for laptops, if permitted **\$125**

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## Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum Legacy UBE Score **270**

Accepts NextGen UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum NextGen UBE Score **TBA**

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

Maximum Score Age **3 years**

**Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination or by Transferred UBE Score**Date of first UBE administration **February 2019**Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **No**Minimum passing UBE score **270\***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? **No**Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$1,275 / \$1,500**

Notes

**\*The minimum passing score in North Carolina was temporarily reduced to 268 for the July 2020 and February 2021 exams; see supplemental remarks.**Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No****Bar Exam**Legacy UBE **Yes**Date Final Administration **February 2028**Minimum Passing Score **270**Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**NextGen UBE **Yes**Date First Administration **July 2028**Minimum Passing Score **TBA**NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes****NextGen Bar Exam Jurisdictions—Date of First Administration, Acceptance of Transferred Scores, and Jurisdiction-Specific Components**Date of first NextGen UBE administration **July 2028**Date accepting transferred NextGen UBE scores **July 2026**Is there a jurisdiction-specific admission prerequisite? **Yes**Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No**Visit the [NCBE Study Aids Store \(https://store.ncbex.org/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/) for official test prep materials**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? **4 of past 6**

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 **\$2,000**

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? **No**Is admission on motion based on reciprocity (that is, is it limited to candidates from some or all jurisdictions offering admission on motion)? **Yes**Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? **Yes**Number of Years of Practice Required **4 of past 6**

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#### Disclaimer

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