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Bar Admission Agency

Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina

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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

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Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

July 2025: First filing deadline Jan. 7
July 2025: Late filing deadline March 4

February 2026: First filing deadline Oct. 7

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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 No
Maximum Score Age 3 years

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination or by Transferred UBE Score

Date of first UBE administration February 2019

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 No Accepts Transferred MBE Scores No

Bar Exam

Legacy UBE Yes

Minimum Passing Score 270

Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement No

NextGen UBE No

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam No

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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

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