

North Dakota has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2027. Visit [https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen \(/exams/nextgen\)](https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen (/exams/nextgen)) to learn more about the new exam.

North Dakota 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 Dakota exams.

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Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**

MPRE Minimum Passing Score **85**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, Courtesy Seating, and Attorneys' Exams

Minimum passing MPRE score **85**

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 **Yes**

Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility **No**

Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

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February 2026: First filing deadline **Oct. 1**

February 2026: Late filing deadline **Nov. 1**

July 2026: First filing deadline **March 15**

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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$200 (plus C&F fee)**

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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum Legacy UBE Score **260**

Accepts NextGen UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum NextGen UBE Score **TBA**

Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **TBA**

Maximum Score Age **2 years / 5 years**

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

Date of first UBE administration **February 2011**

Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **No**

Minimum passing UBE score **260**

Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? **6**

Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) **2 years / 5 years**

Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **No**

Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$400 (plus C&F fee)**

Notes

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No**

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Bar Exam

Legacy UBE **Yes**

Date Final Administration **February 2027**

Minimum Passing Score **260**

Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**

NextGen UBE **Yes**

Date First Administration **July 2027**

Minimum Passing Score **TBA**

NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **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 5**

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 **\$400 (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)? **No**

Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? **Yes**

Number of Years of Practice Required **4 of past 5**

Disclaimer

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