



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

**Rhode Island requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE.** Visit the **NCBE Study Aids Store** (<https://store.ncbex.org/>) to purchase the **Bar Exam 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/>) to help prepare for Rhode Island exams.

## Bar Admission Agency

### Rhode Island Supreme Court Clerk's Office

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Visit Website (<https://www.courts.ri.gov/attorney-resources/Pages/Admission-to-the-Rhode-Island-Bar.aspx>)

## Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

## 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? **Yes**

To qualify for the Attorneys' Exam, must an applicant be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school? **No**

Attorneys' Exam fee **\$1,475**

## 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, specified number of years of practice**

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 attorneys **\$1,475**

Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$975**

Fee for laptops, if permitted **\$0**

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### Bar Exam Components

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **Yes**

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No**

Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) **Yes**

Multistate Performance Test (MPT) **Yes**

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No**

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### UBE Adoption

UBE Adoption **Yes**

UBE First Administration Date **February 2019**

UBE Minimum Passing Score **270**

UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Component **No**

### Admission on Earned or Transferred Bar Exam Score

UBE Minimum Score **270**

Non-UBE Minimum Score - Admission on Transferred UBE Score **Yes**

Effective Date **February 2019**Maximum Score Age **2 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 (see suppl. remarks)**Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? **5**Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) **2 years**Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **No**Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$975 / \$1,475**

Notes

UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Component **No****Admission on Motion**Rules Provide for Admission on Motion **No****Disclaimer**

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