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## **Bar Admission Agency**

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# **Character & Fitness Investigations**

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

#### **MPRE Requirements**

MPRE Required Yes

MPRE Minimum Passing Score 77

MPRE Score Time Parameters

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

Minimum passing MPRE score 77

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

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

July 2025: First filing deadline Jan. 10

July 2025: Late filing deadline Jan. 31

February 2026: First filing deadline Aug. 31

February 2026: Late filing deadline Sep. 30

Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) \$1,000 / \$1,500

Bar exam fee for attorneys \$1,000 / \$1,500 + \$750

Bar exam fee for repeaters \$1,000 / \$1,500

Fee for laptops, if permitted \$125.50

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### **Score Portability**

Accepts Legacy UBE Score Yes
Minimum Legacy UBE Score 266
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 2017

Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? Yes

Minimum passing UBE score 266

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 \$1,000 / \$1,750

Notes

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No** 

#### **Bar Exam**

Legacy UBE Yes

Minimum Passing Score 266

Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement Yes

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Date of first UBE administration February 2017

Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? Yes

Minimum passing UBE score 266

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 \$1,000 / \$1,750

Notes

NextGen UBE No

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam No

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## **Admission on Motion**

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion No

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#### 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? Law teaching

Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? Yes

Admission on motion fee \$400

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.

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