

South Carolina has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2028. Visit [https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen \(/exams/nextgen\)](https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen (/exams/nextgen)) to learn more about the new exam.

South Carolina 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 South Carolina exams.

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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 2026: First filing deadline **Jan. 10**

July 2026: Late filing deadline **Jan. 31**

February 2027: First filing deadline **Aug. 31**

February 2027: 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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Notes

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No****Bar Exam**NextGen UBE **Yes**Date First Administration **July 2028**Minimum Passing Score **TBA**NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **TBA**Legacy UBE **Yes**Date Final Administration **February 2028**Minimum Passing Score **266**Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes****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**

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Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No****Admission on Motion**Rules Provide for Admission on Motion **No****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 RequirementsMust 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.