



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

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## Bar Admission Agency

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## Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations only for those seeking to be certified as Foreign Legal Consultants (FLC) in Virginia.

## MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**

MPRE Minimum Passing Score **85**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

### Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, 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? **Yes**

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 **\$1,150**

## Bar Exam Eligibility, Deadlines, and Fees

ABA-Approved Law School J.D. Required **No**

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?

**Obtained an LLM from an ABA-approved law school and been admitted to the court of last resort in any state or territory of the US or the District of Columbia.**

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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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$1,150**  
 Bar exam fee for attorneys **\$1,150**  
 Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$750 / \$1,150**  
 Fee for laptops, if permitted **\$175**

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## Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **No**

Accepts NextGen UBE Score **Yes**

Minimum NextGen UBE Score **TBA**

Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **July 2028**

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **Yes**

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Legacy UBE **No**

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Date First Administration **July 2028**

Minimum Passing Score **TBA**

NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**

#### NextGen Bar Exam Jurisdictions—Date of First Administration, Acceptance of Transferred Scores, and Jurisdiction-Specific Components

Date of first NextGen UBE administration **July 2028**

Date accepting transferred NextGen UBE scores **July 2028**

Is there a jurisdiction-specific admission prerequisite? **Yes**

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **Yes**

**Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination**Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **Yes**Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) **No**Multistate Performance Test (MPT) **No**Jurisdiction-drafted exam (essay, multiple-choice, or performance test) **Yes**How many times may an applicant take the exam without special permission? **5**Minimum Passing Score **140****Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Grading and Scoring**Average grading/reporting period (February/July exams) **8 wks./12 wks.**Are both the MBE and a written component administered? **Yes**Is the written component scaled to the MBE? **Yes**Are the MBE and written component scores combined? **Yes**% MBE weight (of combined score) **40**% MEE and/or local essay weight (of combined score) **60**% MPT and/or local PT weight (of combined score) **—**% Local component weight (of combined score) **—**Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on reported score scale **140**Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on 200-point scale **140**MPRE minimum passing standard (on scale of 50 to 150) **85**Visit the [NCBE Study Aids Store \(https://store.ncbex.org/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/) for official test prep materials**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? **3 of past 5**

What does the definition of practice for purposes of admission on motion include?

**Private practice; corporate counsel; gov't practice; state or federal judge; state or federal law clerk; active-duty judge advocate**Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? **No**Admission on motion fee **\$2,500**

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**Number of Years of Practice Required **3 of past 5****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? **3 of past 5**

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## Disclaimer

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