

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

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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

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

July 2026: First filing deadline **May 10**

July 2026: Late filing deadline **—**

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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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Bar Exam

NextGen UBE **Yes**

Date First Administration **July 2028**

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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**

Minimum passing NextGen UBE score **TBA**

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

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

Legacy UBE **No**

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**

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**

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