



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

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

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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**

NextGen UBE **Yes**

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

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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

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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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## Disclaimer

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