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Character & Fitness Investigations

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

MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **No**

Bar Exam Eligibility, Deadlines, and Fees

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

Domestic Legal Education

Is eligibility to take the bar exam limited to JD or LLB graduates of ABA-approved law schools? **No**

If eligibility to take the bar exam is not limited to JD or LLB graduates of ABA-approved law schools, what other means of domestic legal study are permitted for bar exam applicants?

Non-ABA-approved out-of-state law school

Additional requirements **Bar admission in another state**

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?

Legal education in English common law, additional education at an ABA-approved law school, practice of law in foreign jurisdiction, determination of educational equivalency

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?

Yes

Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

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

July 2026: First filing deadline **May 1**

July 2026: Late filing deadline **June 1**

February 2027: First filing deadline **Dec. 1**

February 2027: Late filing deadline **Jan. 1**

Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$450 / \$850**

Bar exam fee for attorneys **\$450 / \$850**

Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$450**

Fee for laptops, if permitted **\$163**

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Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **No**

Accepts NextGen UBE Score **No**

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **Yes**

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, and Attorneys' Exams

Minimum passing MPRE score **MPRE not required**

Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must be earned or achieved? **MPRE not required**

Are MBE scores accepted for transfer from other jurisdictions? **Yes**

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

NextGen UBE **No**

Legacy UBE **No**

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **Yes**

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **Yes**

Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) **Yes**

Multistate Performance Test (MPT) **Yes**

Jurisdiction-drafted exam (essay, multiple-choice, or performance test) **Yes**

How many times may an applicant take the exam without special permission? **no limit**

Minimum Passing Score **258**

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Grading and Scoring

Average grading/reporting period (February/July exams) **both 6 weeks**

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) **50**

% MEE and/or local essay weight (of combined score) **—**

% 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 **258**

Minimum passing standard for total bar exam score based on 200-point scale **129**

MPRE minimum passing standard (on scale of 50 to 150) **—**

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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?

Law teaching, gov't agency, military, in-house corporate, judicial court of record

Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? **(MPRE not required)**

Admission on motion fee **\$850**

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)? **No**

Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? **Yes**

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