

Wisconsin 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)) to learn more about the new exam.

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## Bar Admission Agency

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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

### 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 **Yes**  
 Minimum Legacy UBE Score **260**  
 Accepts NextGen UBE Score **TBA**  
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 Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **TBA**  
 Maximum Score Age **36 months**  
 Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**  
 Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **Yes**

#### Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, Courtesy Seating, and Attorneys' Exams

Minimum passing MPRE score **—**  
 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 courtesy seating allowed? **—**  
 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 **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 **260**  
 Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**

**Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination or by Transferred UBE Score**Date of first UBE administration **July 2026**Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **Yes**Minimum passing UBE score **260**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) **36 months**Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **—**Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$450**

Notes

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No****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**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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Since jurisdiction rules and policies change, NCBE strongly advises consulting the jurisdiction's bar admission agency directly for the most current information.