# West Virginia

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West Virginia has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen UBE in July 2027. Visit https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen (/exams/nextgen) to learn more about the new exam.

**West Virginia requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE.** Visit Official NCBE Study Aids (https://www.ncbex.org/study-aids) to purchase study aids to help prepare for West Virginia exams.

## Bar Admission Agency

West Virginia Board of Law Examiners
West Virginia Judicial Tower, Ste. 700 B 4700 MacCorkle Ave., SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Phone: (304) 558-7815
Visit Website (http://www.courtswv.gov)

## Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

## MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**

MPRE Minimum Passing Score **80**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

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

Minimum passing MPRE score **80**

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 courtesy seating allowed? **No**

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 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 in-state law school, non-ABA-approved out-of-state law school, law office study**

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, 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?
**No**

Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

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

July 2026: First filing deadline **April 1**
July 2026: Late filing deadline **May 1**
February 2027: First filing deadline **Nov. 1**
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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **$500 (plus C&F fee)**
Bar exam fee for attorneys **$800 (plus C&F fee**
Bar exam fee for repeaters **$500 (non-attorney repeaters) / $800 (attorney repeaters) (plus C&F fee)**
Fee for laptops, if permitted **$125**

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## Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **Yes**
Minimum Legacy UBE Score **270**
Accepts NextGen UBE Score **Yes**
Minimum NextGen UBE Score **620**
Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **July 2026**
Maximum Score Age **3 years**

### Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination or by Transferred UBE Score

Date of first UBE administration **July 2017**
Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **No**
Minimum passing UBE score **270**
Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? **4**
Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) **3 years**
Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **No**
Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **$750 (plus C&F fee)**
Notes

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**
Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **Yes**

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## Bar Exam

NextGen UBE **Yes**
Date First Administration **July 2028**
Minimum Passing Score **TBA**
NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**
Legacy UBE **Yes**
Date Final Administration **February 2028**
Minimum Passing Score **270**
Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**
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? **5 of past 7**
What does the definition of practice for purposes of admission on motion include? **Law teaching, gov't agency, military, judicial court of record**
Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? **Yes**
Admission on motion fee **$2,000 (plus C&F fee)**

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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## Disclaimer

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