

Maryland has announced that it intends to first administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2026. Visit [https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen \(/exams/nextgen\)](https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen (/exams/nextgen)) to learn more about the new exam.

Maryland requires the following NCBE exams: **MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE**. Visit the [NCBE Study Aids Store \(https://store.ncbex.org/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/) to purchase the [Bar Exam Everything Value Pack \(https://store.ncbex.org/the-everything-value-pack/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/the-everything-value-pack/) which includes MBE, MEE, and MPT study aids; and [MPRE study aids \(https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/) to help prepare for Maryland exams.

Bar Admission Agency

Maryland State Board of Law Examiners

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Phone: (410) 260-3640

[Visit Website \(https://www.mdcourts.gov/ble\)](https://www.mdcourts.gov/ble)

Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**

MPRE Minimum Passing Score **85**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, Courtesy Seating, 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? **No**

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?

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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?

Additional education at an ABA-approved law school, admission in another US jurisdiction

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

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Bar Exam Components

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **Yes**
 Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No**
 Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) **Yes**
 Multistate Performance Test (MPT) **Yes**
 Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No**

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UBE Adoption

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 UBE First Administration Date **July 2019**
 UBE Minimum Passing Score **266**
 UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Component **Yes**

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

Date of first UBE administration **July 2019**
 Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **Yes**
 Minimum passing UBE score **266**
 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) **3 years**
 Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **Yes**
 Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$750**
 Notes

Admission on Earned or Transferred Bar Exam Score

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Non-UBE Minimum Score - Admission on Transferred UBE Score **Yes**

Effective Date **July 2019**

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Admission on Motion

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion **Yes**

Number of Years of Practice Required **3 of past 5 or 10 total**

Disclaimer

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