



New Mexico has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2027. Visit <a href="https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen">https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen</a> (/exams/nextgen) to learn more about the new exam.

New Mexico requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE. Visit the NCBE Study Aids Store (https://store.ncbex.org/) to purchase the Bar Exam 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/) to help prepare for New Mexico exams.

# **Bar Admission Agency**

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#### **Character & Fitness Investigations**

NCBE hosts the character and fitness application but does not conduct investigations for this jurisdiction. Before proceeding, review the jurisdiction website for additional requirements and specific filing instructions. Completing and submitting a character and fitness application is only part of the bar application process.

The non-refundable NCBE service fee is \$30 for each NCBE character and fitness application completed online. Additional fees, assessed by the jurisdiction, will also apply. Log into your NCBE Account to complete the NCBE character and fitness application.

#### **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? No

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?

Non-ABA-approved out-of-state law school, correspondence law school, online law school

Additional requirements Bar admission in another state, specified number of years of practice

Foreign Law Graduate Eligibility Yes

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#### 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?

Admission and practice in another US jurisdiction for four of the preceding six years prior to the filing date of the application.

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 2025: First filing deadline May 1

July 2025: Late filing deadline June 1

February 2026: First filing deadline Nov. 1

February 2026: Late filing deadline Jan. 1

Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) \$750

Bar exam fee for attorneys \$750

Bar exam fee for repeaters \$500 / \$750

Fee for laptops, if permitted \$100

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# **Score Portability**

Accepts Legacy UBE Score Yes

Minimum Legacy UBE Score 260

Accepts NextGen UBE Score Yes

Minimum NextGen UBE Score TBA

Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score TBA

Maximum Score Age 60 months

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

Date of first UBE administration February 2016

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) 60 months

Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? Yes

Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score \$1,700

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

#### Bar Exam

Legacy UBE Yes

Date Final Administration February 2027

Minimum Passing Score 260

Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement Yes

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NextGen UBE Yes

Date First Administration July 2027

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 bar exam administration July 2027

Date accepting transferred NextGen scores TBA

Is there a jurisdiction-specific admission prerequisite? Yes

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam No

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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? 5 of past 7

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? No

Admission on motion fee \$2,500

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? No

Number of Years of Practice Required 5 of past 7

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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.

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