

Ohio 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 (/exams/nextgen)) to learn more about the new exam.

**Ohio 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 Ohio exams.

## Bar Admission Agency

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## 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? **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 **Yes**

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, 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 2025: First filing deadline **April 1**

July 2025: Late filing deadline **May 10**

February 2026: First filing deadline **Nov. 1**

February 2026: Late filing deadline **Dec. 10**  
 Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$452**  
 Bar exam fee for attorneys **\$452**  
 Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$452**  
 Fee for laptops, if permitted **\$121**

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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

UBE Adoption **Yes**

UBE First Administration Date **February 2021**

UBE Minimum Passing Score **270**

UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Component **Yes**

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

Date of first UBE administration **February 2021**  
 Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **Yes**  
 Minimum passing UBE score **270**  
 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) **5 years**  
 Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **Yes**  
 Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$750 (plus C&F fee)**  
 Notes

### Admission on Earned or Transferred Bar Exam Score

UBE Minimum Score **270**

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

Effective Date **April 2020**

Maximum Score Age **5 years**

UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Component **Yes**

## 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 **\$1,500 (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? **Yes**

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 **5 of past 7**

## Disclaimer

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