



West Virginia has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2027. Visit [https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen \(/exams/nextgen\)](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 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 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 \(http://www.courtswv.gov\)](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

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## Bar Exam Components

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **Yes**Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **Yes**

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## UBE Adoption

UBE Adoption **Yes**UBE First Administration Date **July 2017**UBE Minimum Passing Score **270**UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Component **No**

## Admission on Earned or Transferred Bar Exam Score

UBE Minimum Score **270**

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

Effective Date **July 2017**

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

UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Component **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

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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.