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Bar Admission Agency

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Character & Fitness Investigations

This jurisdiction does not use NCBE's character and fitness services; please contact California for filing instructions.

MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**

MPRE Minimum Passing Score **86**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, and Attorneys' Exams

Minimum passing MPRE score **86**

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 an Attorneys' Exam offered? **Yes**

To qualify for the Attorneys' Exam, must an applicant be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school? **No**

Attorneys' Exam fee **\$1,500**

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, correspondence law school, online law school

Additional requirements **—**

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, practice of law in foreign jurisdiction, determination of educational equivalency, 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?

Yes

Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and FeesJuly 2025: First filing deadline **April 1**July 2025: Late filing deadline **June 2**February 2026: First filing deadline **Nov. 1**February 2026: Late filing deadline **Jan. 1**Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$850**Bar exam fee for attorneys **\$1,500**Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$850 (non-attorney repeaters) / \$1,500 (attorney repeaters)**Fee for laptops, if permitted **\$153**July 2025: First filing deadline **April 1**July 2025: Late filing deadline **June 2**February 2026: First filing deadline **Nov. 1**February 2026: Late filing deadline **Jan. 1**

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