



Registration for the February 2026 DC bar exam will open on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Registration will close when all seats are filled or on December 5, 2025, at 11:59p.m. Eastern Time if the seating capacity is not reached before December 5th. For more information, visit <a href="https://admissions.dcappeals.gov/news.action?id=1901">https://admissions.dcappeals.gov/news.action?id=1901</a> (https://admissions.dcappeals.gov/news.action?id=1901).

District of Columbia has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in February 2028. Visit <a href="https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen">https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen</a> (yexams/nextgen) to learn more about the new exam.

District of Columbia 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 District of Columbia exams.

## **Bar Admission Agency**

Committee on Admissions D.C. Court of Appeals

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## **Character & Fitness Investigations**

NCBE conducts investigations for some application types.

## **MPRE Requirements**

MPRE Required Yes

MPRE Minimum Passing Score 75

MPRE Score Time Parameters

Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—MPRE Requirements, MBE Score Transfers, Courtesy Seating, and Attorneys' Exams

Minimum passing MPRE score 75

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

Additional requirements Specified number of hours at ABA-approved law school

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?

Additional education at an ABA-approved law school; foreign law degree must meet certain requirements and must be evaluated by the 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

### Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

July 2025: First filing deadline March 31

July 2025: Late filing deadline —

February 2026: First filing deadline See suppl. remarks

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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) \$405 (plus C&F fee)

Bar exam fee for attorneys \$405 (plus C&F fee)
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# **Score Portability**

Accepts Legacy UBE Score Yes

Minimum Legacy UBE Score 266

Accepts NextGen UBE Score Yes

Minimum NextGen UBE Score TBA

Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score TBA

Maximum Score Age 5 years

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

Date of first UBE administration July 2016

Minimum passing UBE score 266

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) 5 years

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

Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score \$405 (plus C&F fee)

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Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement No Accepts Transferred MBE Scores No

### **Bar Exam**

Legacy UBE Yes

Date Final Administration July 2027

Minimum Passing Score 266

Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement No

NextGen UBE Yes

Date First Administration February 2028

Minimum Passing Score TBA

NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement TBA

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam No

Visit the NCBE Study Aids Store (https://store.ncbex.org/) for official test prep materials

## **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? 3

What does the definition of practice for purposes of admission on motion include? —

Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? No

Admission on motion fee \$595 (plus C&F fee); fee effective 4/1/24

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)? No
Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? Yes

Number of Years of Practice Required 3

## 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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