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The Maine Board of Bar Examiners recently voted to temporarily suspend Courtesy Seat applications for both the February 2025 and July 2025 bar examinations. The Board will review the suspension's impact and may elect to make the suspension permanent after the July 2025 exam administration.

# **Bar Admission Agency**

#### Maine Board of Bar Examiners

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Visit Website (https://www.mainebarexaminers.org)

## **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

What is the minimum passing MPRE score? 80

Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must be earned or achieved? Yes

Do you accept MBE scores transferred from other jurisdictions? No

Do you allow courtesy seating? (see suppl. remarks)

Do you offer an Attorneys' Exam? 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 under your rules? 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 do your rules permit for bar exam applicants?

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

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

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 under your rules, what additional requirements pertain? **Practice of law in foreign jurisdiction, 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

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Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

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

July 2024: First filing deadline May 20

July 2024: Late filing deadline —

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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) \$600

Bar exam fee for attorneys \$650 (plus C&F fee)

Bar exam fee for repeaters \$600 (non-attorney repeaters) / \$650 (attorney repeaters) (plus C&F fee)

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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 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 May 2017

Maximum Score Age 3 years

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

Date of first UBE administration July 2017

Do you require completion of a jurisdiction-specific component before admission? No

What is the minimum passing UBE score? 270

What is the limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? no limit

What is your time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score)? 3 years

Do you allow concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score? Yes

What is the application fee for admission by transferred UBE score? \$900 (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 your rules provide for admission on motion? Yes

What is the number of years of practice required for admission on motion? 3 of past 5

What does your 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? Yes

Admission on motion fee \$900 (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 3 of past 5

### 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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