

Hawaii has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2028. Visit <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen> to learn more about the new exam.

Hawaii requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE. Visit the [NCBE Study Aids Store \(https://store.ncbex.org/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/) to purchase the [Bar Exam Everything Value Pack \(https://store.ncbex.org/the-everything-value-pack/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/the-everything-value-pack/) which includes MBE, MEE, and MPT study aids; and [MPRE study aids \(https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/\)](https://store.ncbex.org/mpre/) to help prepare for Hawaii exams.

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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

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

What is the minimum passing MPRE score? **85**

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 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

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?

Legal education in English common law, practice of law in foreign 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

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Bar Examination Application Deadlines and Fees

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 July 2024: Late filing deadline —
 February 2025: First filing deadline **Nov. 1**
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 Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$500 (plus C&F fee)**
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 Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$500 (plus C&F fee)**
 Fee for laptops, if permitted **\$133.50**

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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 **Yes**

Non-Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **Yes**
 Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) **Yes**
 Multistate Performance Test (MPT) **Yes**
 Jurisdiction-drafted exam (essay, multiple-choice, or performance test) **Yes**
 How many times may an applicant take the exam without special permission? **no limit**

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UBE Adoption

UBE Adoption **No**

Admission on Earned or Transferred Bar Exam Score

Non-UBE Minimum Score - Admission on Transferred UBE Score **No**

Admission on Motion

Rules Provide for Admission on Motion **No**

Admission on Motion—Years of Practice and Definition of Practice

Do your rules provide for admission on motion? **No (permitted only on a limited basis)**

What is the number of years of practice required for admission on motion? —

What does your definition of practice for purposes of admission on motion include? **Law teaching, military**

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

Admission on motion fee **\$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)? —

Is an attorney initially admitted by diploma privilege eligible for admission on motion? —

Disclaimer

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