



Massachusetts has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen bar exam in July 2028. Visit [https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen \(/exams/nextgen\)](https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen (/exams/nextgen)) to learn more about the new exam.

Massachusetts 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/>) 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 Massachusetts exams.

## Bar Admission Agency

### Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners

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## Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations only for those seeking admission on motion in Massachusetts.

## MPRE Requirements

MPRE Required **Yes**

MPRE Minimum Passing Score **85**

MPRE Score Time Parameters

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

Minimum passing MPRE score **85**

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? **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 in-state 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, 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

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

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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

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UBE First Administration Date **July 2018**

UBE Minimum Passing Score **270**

UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Component **Yes**

**Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination or by Transferred UBE Score**Date of first UBE administration **July 2018**Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **Yes**Minimum passing UBE score **270**Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? **no limit**Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) **36 months**Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **Yes**Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$815**

Notes

**Admission on Earned or Transferred Bar Exam Score**UBE Minimum Score **270**Non-UBE Minimum Score - Admission on Transferred UBE Score **Yes**Effective Date **March 2018**Maximum Score Age **36 months****Uniform Bar Examination Jurisdictions—Admission by Examination or by Transferred UBE Score**Date of first UBE administration **July 2018**Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **Yes**Minimum passing UBE score **270**Is there a limit on the number of attempts to earn a passing UBE score? **no limit**Time limit for accepting a transferred UBE score (i.e., maximum age of the UBE score) **36 months**Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **Yes**Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **\$815**

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**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, in-house corporate, judicial court of record**Are there any time parameters within which an MPRE score must have been earned or achieved? **No**Admission on motion fee **\$1,015 (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? **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**

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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.