# North Carolina

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North Carolina has announced that it intends to administer the NextGen UBE in July 2028. Visit https://www.ncbex.org/exams/nextgen (/exams/nextgen) to learn more about the new exam.

**North Carolina requires the following NCBE exams: MBE, MEE, MPT, and MPRE.** Visit Official NCBE Study Aids (https://www.ncbex.org/study-aids) to purchase study aids to help prepare for North Carolina exams.

## Bar Admission Agency

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## Character & Fitness Investigations

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

## 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

Minimum passing MPRE score **80**

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 out-of-state law school**

Additional requirements **Bar admission in another state**

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?
**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?
**No**

Bar Exam Application Filing Deadlines

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

July 2026: First filing deadline **Jan. 6**
July 2026: Late filing deadline **March 3**
February 2027: First filing deadline **Oct. 6**
February 2027: Late filing deadline **Nov. 3**
Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **$850**
Bar exam fee for attorneys **$1,650**
Bar exam fee for repeaters **$400**
Fee for laptops, if permitted **$125**

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## Score Portability

Accepts Legacy UBE Score **Yes**
Minimum Legacy UBE Score **270**
Accepts NextGen UBE Score **Yes**
Minimum NextGen UBE Score **620**
Date First Acceptance NextGen UBE Score **July 2026**
Maximum Score Age **3 years**

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

Date of first UBE administration **February 2019**
Is completing a jurisdiction-specific component required before admission? **No**
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) **3 years**
Is concurrent application for admission by transferred UBE score allowed? **No**
Application fee for admission by transferred UBE score **$1,275 / $1,500**
Notes
***The minimum passing score in North Carolina was temporarily reduced to 268 for the July 2020 and February 2021 exams; see supplemental remarks.**

Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**
Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **No**

## Bar Exam

NextGen UBE **Yes**
Date First Administration **July 2028**
Minimum Passing Score **620**

NextGen UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **Yes**

### NextGen Bar Exam Jurisdictions—Date of First Administration, Acceptance of Transferred Scores, and Jurisdiction-Specific Components

Date of first NextGen UBE administration **July 2028**

Minimum passing NextGen UBE score **620**

Date accepting transferred NextGen UBE scores **July 2026**

Is there a jurisdiction-specific admission prerequisite? **Yes**

Legacy UBE **Yes**

Date Final Administration **February 2028**

Minimum Passing Score **270**

Legacy UBE Jurisdiction-Specific Requirement **No**

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **No**

## 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? **4 of past 6**

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 **$2,000**

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)? **Yes**

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

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

Admission on motion fee **$2,000**

## Disclaimer

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