

Virginia 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.

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## Bar Admission Agency

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## Character & Fitness Investigations

NCBE conducts investigations only for those seeking to be certified as Foreign Legal Consultants (FLC) in Virginia.

## 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

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? **Yes**

Is an Attorneys' Exam offered? **Yes**

To qualify for the Attorneys' Exam, must an applicant be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school? **No**

Attorneys' Exam fee **\$1,150**

## Bar Exam Eligibility, Deadlines, and Fees

ABA-Approved Law School J.D. Required **No**

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?

**Obtained an LLM from an ABA-approved law school and been admitted to the court of last resort in any state or territory of the US or the District of Columbia.**

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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Bar exam fee for first-time takers (non-attorneys) **\$1,150**  
 Bar exam fee for attorneys **\$1,150**  
 Bar exam fee for repeaters **\$750 / \$1,150**  
 Fee for laptops, if permitted **\$125**

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### Bar Exam Components

Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **Yes**

Accepts Transferred MBE Scores **Yes**

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Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) **No**

Multistate Performance Test (MPT) **No**

Jurisdiction-Drafted Exam **Yes**

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Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) **Yes**

Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) **No**

Multistate Performance Test (MPT) **No**

Jurisdiction-drafted exam (essay, multiple-choice, or performance test) **Yes**

How many times may an applicant take the exam without special permission? **5**

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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 **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 of past 5**

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

**Private practice; corporate counsel; gov't practice; state or federal judge; state or federal law clerk; active-duty judge advocate**

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

Admission on motion fee **\$2,500**

### Legal Education and Reciprocity Requirements

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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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## Disclaimer

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