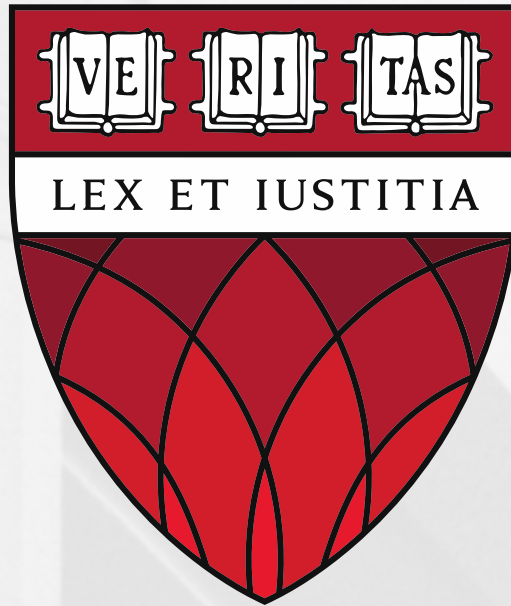




How to be Licensed in More Than One State Choosing Your Bar Exam Jurisdiction

Deciding Factors

- Where will you **work**?
 - Ask your firm which bar exam to take
 - With a federal job, you can likely be admitted anywhere, but ask your supervisor what their preference is
- If you are not sure where you will work, then consider where you will **live**
 - If you don't have a job lined up, pay attention to the **job market** in potential jurisdictions
 - Look to where you have the most **connections**
 - Past Residences
 - Previous Employment
 - Location of Friends & Family
 - Your school's alumni network
 - Consider the **UBE or NextGen UBE**
 - Offers the most flexibility
 - Able to transfer UBE and NextGen UBE scores to participating jurisdictions
 - Pay attention to additional admission requirements
- Look at the jurisdiction's **reciprocity** agreements with other jurisdictions
- The cost of the exam, travel expenses, annual bar dues, and continuing legal education requirements
 - You must take the bar exam in the jurisdiction of the exam, unlike the MPRE, which you can take at any MPRE testing center
- NOTE: You are not able to take two bar exams during the same exam administration



Types of Bar Exam

1. The UBE/Uniform Bar Exam

- Each July and February, the same exam is administered in over 40 jurisdictions
 - For example, DC's and NY's bar exams are the UBE. Someone taking the bar exam in these two jurisdictions in July 2027 will be taking the same exam
- Some jurisdictions also have a state law component that is separate from the bar exam
- Will transition fully to the NextGen UBE in July 2028

2. The NextGen UBE

- Administered in 7 jurisdictions in 2026 and 13 in 2027. All remaining jurisdictions that plan to administer the NextGen UBE will begin in 2028.
- Similar to the UBE in that it is the same exam each administration across multiple jurisdictions, but the testing component and formatting of the two exams are different

3. State Bar Exam/Non-UBE Jurisdictions

- All jurisdictions except for Louisiana will have the same multiple-choice element of the bar exam (the MBE). The MBE will no longer be used starting with the July 2028 bar exam.
- But the writing day will vary, and will be state-specific essays or multiple-choice questions

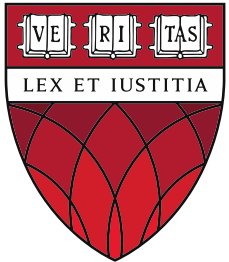


List of UBE Jurisdictions

- Alabama (NextGen: July 2028)
- Alaska (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Arizona \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- [Arkansas](#)
- Colorado (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Connecticut \(NextGen: July 2026\)](#)
- District of Columbia (NextGen: Feb 2028)
- [Idaho \(NextGen: July 2026\)](#)
- Illinois (NextGen: Feb 2028)
- Indiana (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Iowa \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- Kansas (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Kentucky \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- Maine (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Maryland \(NextGen: July 2026\)](#)
- Massachusetts (NextGen: July 2028)
- Michigan (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Minnesota \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- [Missouri \(NextGen: July 2026\)](#)
- Montana (NextGen: February 2028)
- [Nebraska \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- New Hampshire (NextGen: July 2028)
- New Jersey (NextGen: July 2028)
- [New Mexico \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- New York (NextGen: July 2028)
- North Carolina (NextGen: July 2028)
- [North Dakota \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- Ohio (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Oklahoma \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- [Oregon \(NextGen: July 2026\)](#)
- Pennsylvania (NextGen: July 2028)
- Rhode Island (NextGen: July 2028)
- South Carolina (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Tennessee \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- Texas (NextGen: July 2028)
- Utah (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Vermont \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- [Washington \(NextGen: July 2026\)](#)
- [West Virginia \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- Wisconsin (NextGen: July 2028)
- [Wyoming \(NextGen: July 2027\)](#)
- [US Virgin Islands \(NextGen: July 2026\)](#)



Current State-Specific & Future NextGen Jurisdictions



- California (NextGen: July 2028)
- Delaware (NextGen: February 2028)
- Florida (NextGen: July 2028)
- Georgia (NextGen: July 2028)
- Hawaii (NextGen: July 2028)
- Louisiana
- Mississippi (NextGen: TBD)
- Nevada
- South Dakota (NextGen: July 2027)
- Virginia (NextGen: July 2028)

NextGen UBE Timeline

July 2026:

Connecticut, Guam, Idaho, Maryland, Missouri, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Palau, Virgin Islands, Washington

July 2027:

Arizona, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming

February 2028:

Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Montana

July 2028:

Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin

Date TBD:

Mississippi

UBE States Not Yet Announced (Possibly Won't Participate):

Arkansas (the Arkansas Supreme Court is accepting public comment on the acceptance of the NextGen UBE until December 31, 2026, and will decide in 2027).

Non-UBE States That Aren't Participating:

Louisiana, Nevada

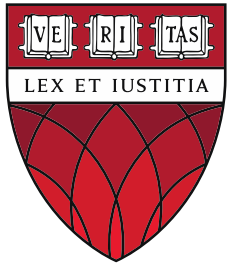


UBE Format Generally

- Next and Last Administrations:
 - February 23-24, 2027
 - July 27-28, 2027
 - February 22-23, 2028
- Two-Day Exam
 - Day 1: Writing/Essay Day
 - Multistate Performance Test/MPT
 - Multistate Essay Exam/MEE
 - Day 2: Multistate Bar Exam/MBE
 - 200 Multiple Choice Questions
- Administered with physical/paper exams



Subjects Tested



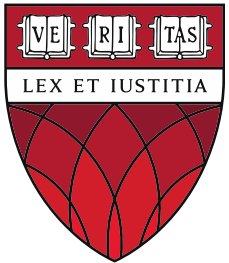
- MBE/MEE Subjects
 - Civil Procedure
 - Constitutional Law
 - Contracts & Sales
 - Criminal Law & Procedure
 - Evidence
 - Real Property
 - Torts
- MEE Only Subjects
 - Agency
 - Corporations
 - Partnerships
- Appear only on the MPT (between 2026 and 2028)
 - Family Law
 - Trusts
 - Wills & Estates

NextGen UBE Format Generally

- First Administration in July 2026
- Administered twice a year
 - Always the last full Tuesday and Wednesday of February and July
- One-and-a-half-day exam
 - Day 1: Two 3-hour sessions
 - Day 2: One 3-hour session
 - Jurisdictions will have the opportunity to administer their own local law components exam on Day 2
- Each session contains a combination of:
 - 40 Standalone Multiple-Choice Questions
 - 2 Integrated Question Sets
 - 1 Performance Task
- Fully computer-based administration



NextGen UBE Subject Matter Tested



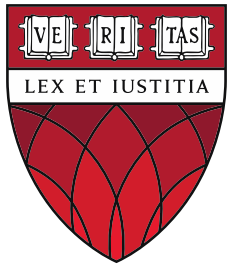
- Legal Knowledge
 - Business Associations & Relationships
 - Civil Procedure
 - Constitutional Law
 - Contracts Law
 - Criminal Law & Constitutional Protections of Accused Persons
 - Evidence
 - Family Law
 - Real Property
 - Torts
- Legal Skills
 - Legal Research
 - Legal Writing
 - Issue Spotting & Analysis
 - Investigation & Evaluation
 - Client Counseling & Advising
 - Negotiation & Dispute Resolution
 - Client Relationship & Management

Transferring your UBE/NextGen UBE Score

- As long as you have the minimum passing score within the transfer time frame, you can transfer your score to seek admission in an additional participating UBE or NextGen UBE jurisdiction without having to take the bar exam again
- You can use your score in multiple jurisdictions at the same time
- You will have to apply to the state bar and meet all its requirements
 - Licensing Fee
 - Character & Fitness Application
 - State-specific component, if applicable
 - Foreign-educated applicants will likely have additional requirements
- Your UBE/NextGen UBE Score is not good forever
 - Most scores will “expire” within 2-5 years
 - The expiration date is determined by the state you are transferring your score into
- **While it has not yet been announced by every jurisdiction, it is assumed the NextGen UBE will also be transferable to most jurisdictions**
 - Hawaii is the only jurisdiction at this time to indicate they will not accept a NextGen UBE score

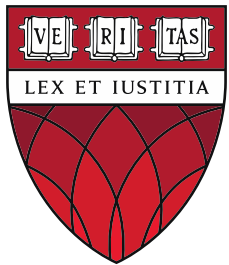


Minimum UBE Scores



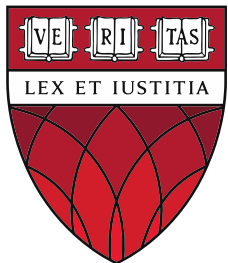
- **260**: Alabama, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah
- **264**: Indiana
- **266**: Connecticut, DC, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Montana, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Washington, US Virgin Islands
- **268**: Michigan
- **270**: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming

Minimum NextGen UBE Scores



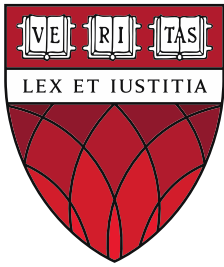
- **610:** Iowa, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, Washington
- **614:** Indiana
- **616:** Connecticut, DC, Idaho, Kentucky, Maryland, US Virgin Islands
- **620:** Arizona, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia
- **Not all NextGen UBE Minimum Scores have been announced, and the scores above are subject to change**

Expiration Dates for UBE Scores



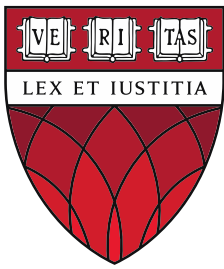
- 2 Years: North Dakota, Rhode Island
- 2 Years/5 Years if Practice of 2 of last 3 Years: Iowa
- 25 Months: Alabama
- 3 Years: Arkansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Virgin Islands
- 3 Years/5 Years if Practice of immediate 2 of 5 Years: Colorado, New Hampshire, Vermont, Wyoming
- 3 Years/5 Years if Practice of 3 of last 5 Years: Tennessee
- 30 Months: Pennsylvania
- 37 Months: Idaho
- 4 Years: Illinois
- 40 Months: Washington
- 5 Years: Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, DC, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Texas

UBE State Specific Admission Components



- Alabama (online course)
- Alaska (ethics presentation)
- Arizona (online course)
- Colorado (online course)
- Maryland (online exam)
- Massachusetts (online exam)
- Michigan (online training)
- Missouri (online exam)
- Montana (online seminar)
- New Mexico (online course)
- New York (online course and exam)
- Ohio (online exam)
- South Carolina (online course)
- Tennessee (online course)
- Texas (online course)
- Virgin Islands (online exam)
- Washington (online course and exam)

NextGen UBE State Specific Admission Components



- Alabama (3-Hour Essay Exam)
- Arizona (Online Course)
- California (TBD)
- Delaware (3-Hour Essay Exam)
- Florida (4-Hour Essay and Multiple-Choice Exam)
- Georgia (TBD)
- Hawaii (15 Multiple-Choice Questions on Professional Conduct)
- Maryland (Online Exam)
- Massachusetts (TBD)
- Missouri (Open-Book Online Exam)
- Montana (TBD)
- New Mexico (TBD)
- North Carolina (Exam on Decedents' Estates and Trusts)
- Texas (Either an online course or exam)
- Virgin Islands (TBD)
- Virginia (Essay Exam)
- Washington (Open-Book, Timed, Online, Multiple-Choice Exam)
- **More information to be added as components are announced.**

Admission by Motion

- Some states allow an applicant to “waive” into their jurisdiction without a bar exam. Many allow it without a reciprocity agreement, and others have it limited or not available at all.
- Reciprocity
 - Any Jurisdiction: Colorado, **DC**, **Illinois**, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, **Massachusetts**, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Tennessee, **Texas**, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin
 - Limited: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, **New York**, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Virgin Islands, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming
 - Very Limited: Hawaii, South Carolina
 - Not Available: **California**, **Florida**, Delaware, Louisiana, Nevada, Rhode Island
 - This may change for California, Florida, Delaware, and Rhode Island once they administer the NextGen UBE as their Bar Exam. However, CA, FL, and DE will likely require applicants to take their state-specific exam.
- The majority of jurisdictions require active practice to seek admission by motion.
- If a jurisdiction does not have reciprocity with where you are licensed, then you will need to either take the full bar exam again or that jurisdiction’s Attorney Exam, if applicable.



Admission by Motion Timeframe: Any Jurisdiction

- 3 Years: DC
- 3 of past 5 years: Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Washington, Wisconsin
- 3 of past 5 years or 10 overall: Maryland
- 4 of past 5 years: North Dakota
- 5 of past 7 years: Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Montana, Tennessee, Texas
- 5 of past 10 years: Ohio
- Varies: Vermont



Admission by Motion Timeframe: Limited Jurisdictions

- 5 Years: Mississippi
- 3 of past 5 years: Arizona, Arkansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah
- 3 of past 5 years with 5-year minimum: Virginia
- 4 of past 6 years: North Carolina
- 5 of past 6 years: Alabama
- 5 of past 7 years: Alaska, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virgin Islands, West Virginia, Wyoming
- 5 of past 10 years: Connecticut, Missouri
- Varies: Idaho, New Hampshire



Jurisdictions with Attorney Exams

- California: Has indicated the CA-specific component of the NextGen UBE will serve as their attorney exam starting in July 2029 (An option for you if you are an attorney, have an active license for at least four years in another jurisdiction, and are in good standing)
- Florida: 3 Florida Essays and 100 Florida MCQs
- Georgia: MPT & 4 Georgia Essays
- Mississippi: Allowed to utilize MBE score for 20 months from the previous bar exam.
- South Dakota: Allowed to utilize MBE score of 135 or higher for 24 months from the previous bar exam
- Virginia: 9 Virginia Essays and 10 Virginia MCQs
- Wisconsin: Allowed to utilize MBE score of 135 or higher for 37 months from previous bar exam, but must have taken that bar exam successfully no more than 60 days before JD was conferred
- Jurisdictions without an Attorney Exam or the ability to transfer MBE score
 - Delaware
 - Hawaii
 - Louisiana
 - Nevada
- **HOWEVER, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Dakota, and Virginia may adjust this as they transition to the NextGen UBE as their Bar Exam**



California as a Second Jurisdiction

- California does not have admission by motion reciprocity with other jurisdictions in the United States
- If you are an attorney, have an active license for at least four years in another jurisdiction, and are in good standing, then you are eligible to take the California Attorney Exam
 - Currently, this is day 1 of the California Bar Exam and includes 5 essays and 1 performance test
 - This exam will be the California state-specific portion of the NextGen UBE, scheduled to be first administered in July 2029
 - There will be no California Attorney Exam in July 2028 or February 2029, and applicants will have to take the full NextGen UBE
- Attorneys with less than four years of active status or who are inactive/not in good standing must take the full two-day California Bar Exam until February 2027 or the NextGen UBE starting in July 2028
- CA CLE Requirements: 25 hours every 3 years



New York as a Second Jurisdiction

- If you take the UBE in a different jurisdiction, you have 3 years to apply and transfer your UBE score to New York
 - You will have to complete all the requirements for admission
 - Pass the MPRE with an 85 or higher
 - Character & Fitness Application
 - New York Law Course and Exam
 - 50 Pro Bono Hours
 - Skills & Competency Requirement
- New York will not accept a NextGen UBE score earned before July 2028
 - The transfer process will likely be the same as the UBE score transfer process
- If you take a non-UBE bar exam or are unable to transfer your UBE score to New York within 3 years, you may be able to apply by Admission by Motion if your “home” jurisdiction has reciprocity with New York
 - The following states do NOT have reciprocity with New York:
 - **Alabama, California, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virgin Islands**
 - You have to have actual practice of law for 5 of the last 7 years to be eligible
- NY CLE Requirements: 24 hours every 2 years



DC as a Second Jurisdiction

- If you take the UBE or NextGen UBE in a different jurisdiction, you have 5 years to apply and transfer your score to the District of Columbia
 - You will have to complete all the requirements for admission
 - Earn a 266 on the UBE or 616 on the NextGen UBE
 - Pass the MPRE with a 75 or higher
 - NCBE Character & Fitness Application
- If you take a non-UBE bar exam or are unable to transfer your UBE/NextGen UBE score to DC within 5 years, you may be able to apply by Admission by Motion
 - You must have been actively practicing law as a member in good standing of a bar or a court of general jurisdiction in the United States for a period of at least 3 of the 5 years immediately preceding the application for admission
 - DC has removed its 26-credit-hour UBE course requirement for foreign-educated applicants when applying by Admission by Motion
- DC CLE Requirements: None



CLE Requirements

- None: DC, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, South Dakota
- 3 Hours/Year: Alaska, Hawaii
- 10 Hours/Year: Nebraska, Rhode Island
- 12 Hours/Year: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia
- 12.5 Hours/Year: Louisiana
- 13 Hours/Year: Nevada
- 14 Hours/Year: South Carolina
- 15 Hours/Year: Arizona, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Tennessee, Texas, Wyoming
- 24 Hours/2 Years: Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Vermont, Virgin Islands, West Virginia
- 25 Hours/3 Years: California
- 30 Hours/2 Years: Illinois, Wisconsin
- 30 Hours/3 Years: Idaho
- 33 Hours/3 Years: Florida
- 36 Hours/3 Years: Indiana
- 45 Hours/3 Years: Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington



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