

What is the UBE?

The Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) is an exam developed and produced by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) for member jurisdictions to utilize in making determinations on admission to the bar. Participating jurisdictions are referred to as UBE jurisdictions. Examinees who take the UBE earn a portable score that they will be able to transfer to another UBE jurisdiction, if they meet all score transfer requirements of the receiving jurisdiction.

The exam is currently composed of two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) tasks, the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE).

More information regarding the UBE, including the list of jurisdictions that have adopted the UBE, is available at the website of the National Conference of Bar Examiners at: <http://www.ncbex.org/exams/ube/>

When will Pennsylvania begin administering the UBE?

The Board's first administration of the UBE will be the July 2022 bar exam.

When will Pennsylvania begin accepting UBE transfer scores?

The Board will begin accepting applications for admission by UBE score transfer the week after the July 2022 bar examination (August 2022).

What will Pennsylvania require as a passing score on the UBE?

The minimum score required to pass the UBE in Pennsylvania or submit a UBE transfer score to Pennsylvania is a 272.

What is the validity window for UBE score transfers (how old can the score be)?

Per Bar Admission Rule 206, beginning in August 2022, the Board will accept a UBE score of 272 or higher achieved in another UBE jurisdiction, provided no more than thirty months have passed from the date of the first day of that UBE administration.

Will a bar exam score achieved in a UBE jurisdiction that qualified for admission in that jurisdiction, but WAS NOT a UBE score qualify for a UBE score transfer to Pennsylvania?

No. Only UBE score transfers from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) will be acceptable for a UBE score transfer to Pennsylvania. NCBE did not issue UBE scores for the October 2020 bar exam administrations.

Is there any grandfather clause or an appeal process, if my score does not fall in the 30 month validity window?

No. Only scores that qualify under the requirements of Pa. B.A.R. 206, which sets the 30-month window, will be accepted.

What is the time window to submit supporting documentation to the Board for a UBE transfer?

Per Bar Admission Rule 206, a candidate who has filed an application to the Board for admission by UBE score transfer must submit the documentation the Board requires in support of the application within six months from the date of filing the application. Otherwise, the Board will administratively withdraw the candidate's UBE score transfer application.

Will Pennsylvania require completion of a Pennsylvania law component in addition to the UBE for bar admission?

The Board of Law Examiners is not administering a local law component as a requirement for admission to the bar.

How do I transfer a UBE score?

The National Conference of Bar Examiners ([NCBE](#)) performs UBE score transfers for all UBE jurisdictions. The Board will only accept **official** UBE score transcripts sent by NCBE directly. Score transcripts received from applicants will not be accepted.

Can I apply under Pa. B.A.R. 206 (UBE Score Transfer) before I know my UBE score?

No. Only candidate with a UBE score of 272 or higher may apply to the Board for admission under Pa. B.A.R. 206. Candidates must know their score to apply.

What is the fee to transfer a UBE score to Pennsylvania?

The application fee for admission under Rule 206 (UBE transfer) in Pennsylvania is available [here](#).

Where can I find sample UBE questions?

NCBE offers free sample questions for the [MBE](#) and [MPRE](#), free questions and analyses from older administrations of the [MEE](#), free [MPT](#) summaries from recent administrations, and MPTs and point sheets from older administrations of the [MPT](#).