

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 Legacy UBE is composed of two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) tasks, the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). The NextGen UBE, which will be administered in Pennsylvania beginning in July 2028, consists of three sessions each with a Performance Test, two Integrated Question sets and 40 multiple-choice questions.

More information regarding the UBE, including the list of jurisdictions that have adopted the UBE, is available at the website of the NCBE. You will find more information about NextGen on their website as well. <https://ncbex.org/exams/nextgen>

[NextGen information Official Examinees' Guide to the NextGen UBE, July 2026-February 2027](#)

What will Pennsylvania require as a qualifying score for a UBE or a UBE score transfer?

The minimum qualifying score for the Legacy UBE is 270. The minimum qualifying score for the NextGen UBE is 620. Consult your UBE transcript, available at [NCBE Score Services](#), if you are unsure of your score, or whether it was earned on the Legacy or NextGen formats of the UBE.

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

The Board will accept a qualifying UBE score 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, 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.

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?

At this time, 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. 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](#). NCBE also offers study guides and sample questions for the NextGen UBE.

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