

2025 bar exam February 25–26 and July 29–30	
The New York Bar Exam is a two-day Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).	
Day one	Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test questions (MPT in the a.m.) and six 30-minute Multistate Essay Exam questions (MEE in the p.m.).
Day two	Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam (100 questions in the a.m., 100 questions in the p.m.).

Subjects tested

MBE subjects

Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/ Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts

MEE essay subjects

Business Associations (Agency and Partnership; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Conflict of Laws, Family Law, Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates; Trusts and Future Interests), Article 9 (Secured Transactions) of the Uniform Commercial Code plus all MBE subjects

Multistate Performance Test

"Closed universe" practical questions using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

MPRE

A minimum scaled score of 85 on the MPRE is required for admission.

Filing deadlines and fees

Apply online at nybarexam.org between October 1st and October 31st for the February exam and between March 1 and March 31st for the July exam.

- **Bar exam fee: \$250 (foreign trained applicants: \$750)**
- **Bar exam laptop fee: \$100**
- **New York Law Exam (NYLE) fee: \$29 payable to Examssoft**
- **New York Law Course (NYLC) fee: None**

Scoring

The MEE and MPT scores are scaled to the MBE, with the MBE weighted 50%, the MEE 30% and the MPT 20%. A total scaled score of 266 or higher is required to pass.

Reciprocity

Acceptance of MBE score

New York does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

Admission on motion

A member in good standing of a reciprocating state may be admitted on motion if applicant has engaged in active practice of law for five of the seven years preceding application. Additional requirements apply.

Admission by UBE score transfer

Applicants who have obtained a scaled score of at least 266 on a Uniform Bar Exam taken in another jurisdiction within the preceding three years may apply for admission based on that score. Additional requirements apply.

Additional information

New York Law Course (NYLC) and the New York Law Exam (NYLE)

Applicants must complete the New York Law Course (NYLC) and the New York Law Exam (NYLE). The NYLC is an online, on demand course consisting of approximately 17 hours of videotaped lectures with embedded questions. The NYLE is a 50 item, two-hour, open book, multiple choice online exam administered at select dates and times throughout the year. The passing score for the NYLE is 30. Applicants can take the NYLC and NYLE up to one year before or three years after sitting for the UBE. Applicants must complete the NYLC before they can register for the NYLE.

Pro Bono Hours: All applicants, except those on motion, must complete 50 hours of qualifying Pro Bono work prior to filing an application for admission.

Skills Competency and Professional Values: All applicants must establish they have acquired skills and professional values necessary to practice law. See Sec. 520.18 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals.

New York has not made an announcement regarding whether it plans to adopt the NextGen bar exam as of the print date of this Digest. Please refer to nybarexam.org.

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