

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In re: Acceptance of Transferred Scores From)	
NextGen Uniform Bar Examination)	M.R. 32890
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Order

The National Conference of Bar Examiners (“NCBE”) will begin offering a new version of the bar examination, known as the NextGen Uniform Bar Examination (“NextGen UBE”), beginning July 2026.

This Court previously announced Illinois will first administer the NextGen UBE in February 2028, and until that time, will continue to administer the current version of the Uniform Bar Examination, known as the Legacy Uniform Bar Examination.

By order dated December 2, 2025, this Court directed the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar (“IBAB”) to submit a recommendation for establishing a passing score on the NextGen UBE.

IBAB has reviewed the research, standard-setting materials, concordance studies, and guidance provided by NCBE regarding the NextGen UBE and submitted its recommendation to the Court.

The Court finds the adoption of a passing score of 620 for the NextGen UBE is appropriate and consistent with Illinois’ interest in ensuring minimum competence for admission to the practice of law and protecting the public.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Beginning with the July 2026 administration of the NextGen UBE, the passing score recognized by Illinois for the NextGen UBE shall be 620.
2. A score of 620 on the NextGen UBE shall constitute the minimum passing score for purposes of admission to the Illinois bar, including transferred scores accepted pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 704A.

3. IBAB may propose amendments to the Illinois Supreme Court Rules and the IBAB Rules of Procedure as necessary to implement this order and may revise its operation procedures, forms, and applicant instructions accordingly.

Order entered by the Court.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, this 1st day of July, 2026.

Cynthia A. Grant

Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

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CLERK