

FAQ

Washington Passing Score & Supreme Court Amended Order No. 25700-B-747

What is the minimum passing score for the NextGen UBE?

The minimum passing score for the NextGen UBE in Washington State is **610**, equivalent to a legacy UBE score of **260**.

What is the passing score for the February 2026 legacy UBE?

The minimum passing score for the final administration of the legacy UBE in Washington (February 2026) is 260.

Who is eligible to apply for admission under the Court's order?

Under Washington Supreme Court Amended Order No. 25700-B-747, any examinee who sat for the legacy UBE in Washington between July 2020 and July 2025 and scored 260–265 is now eligible to apply for admission. The WSBA has emailed all eligible applicants with instructions on how to apply under the order.

In addition, the order clarifies that a legacy UBE score of 260-265 earned in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia may be used for a UBE Score Transfer application consistent with the provisions of APR 3(d).

What is the deadline for eligible applicants to apply under the Court order?

Applications authorized under Washington Supreme Court Amended Order No. 25700-B-747 must be filed within one year of the date of the order (December 17, 2025). Applications must be approved, and all pre-admission requirements must be completed 12 months from the date of filing the application.

Is there an application fee to apply under the Court order?

No application fee will be required when submitting the application authorized under Washington Supreme Court Amended Order No. 25700-B-747.



I am eligible under the Court's order. Am I now admitted to practice law in Washington?

No. You must file an application per the instructions that the WSBA emailed you, complete all preadmission requirements, and only when the Court issues an order authorizing you to practice law as a lawyer in Washington will you be admitted in Washington.

Does the Court order apply retroactively or affect prior applications?

No. Washington Supreme Court Amended Order No. 25700-B-747 does not retroactively admit anyone or alter prior bar passage statistics.

Will application fees be refunded for previous exams?

No. Refunds will not be issued for previously administered UBEs. However, applicants eligible to apply under this order who withdraw from the February 2026 exam by February 6, 2026, may receive a partial refund in accordance with WSBA Admissions Policies.

Do I need a valid MPRE score when I apply under the Court order?

Yes, a qualifying MPRE score of at least 85 must be earned no earlier than July 2017 and submitted to the WSBA within 12 months from the date the application is submitted.

Can I apply for admission using a UBE score between 260-265 from another jurisdiction?

A legacy UBE score of 260–265 earned in another U.S. jurisdiction may be used to apply for admission by UBE Score Transfer consistent with the provisions of Admission and Practice Rule (APR) 3(d). Please see APR 3(d) for specific requirements and deadlines.

I earned a UBE score between 260-265 in Washington between July 2020 and July 2025 and am registered for the February 2026 UBE in Washington. I want to attempt to earn a higher score; can I still sit for the February 2026 UBE in Washington?

Yes, you can choose to sit for the February 2026 exam. If you do not pass the February 2026 exam, you still have one year from the date of the order to file an application under Washington Supreme Court Amended Order No. 25700-B-747.



Will my application be referred to NCBE for investigation?

NCBE investigation will not be required for applications authorized under Washington Supreme Court Amended Order No. 25700-B-747.

An NCBE report may be required for UBE Score Transfer applications in accordance with the WSBA Admissions Policies.

What about a Character and Fitness review?

All applications are subject to a character and fitness review prior to admission.

