

PRESS RELEASE

On the recommendation of the Wyoming Board of Law Examiners, the Wyoming Supreme Court has adopted the NextGen Bar Examination (NextGen) to be effective no sooner than July 2027.

Wyoming currently administers the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) to assess minimum competency for those seeking admission to the Wyoming State Bar. The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), which developed and maintains the UBE, is replacing it with the NextGen. Effective July 2028, the NCBE will no longer offer the UBE. States must either transition to NextGen or develop an independent test.

The Wyoming Supreme Court chose prospective adoption of the NextGen examination because the examination has not been completely finalized. The NCBE continues to work on exam development, aligning examination scores from the previous test with NextGen scoring, and developing recommendations for transfer of NextGen scores between jurisdictions.

The Wyoming Supreme Court recognizes the law school, law students, and the Wyoming State Bar need to prepare for the administration of the NextGen test and believes the early release of this decision may facilitate those efforts.