

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Pass Score for
the July 2026 NextGen Uniform Bar
Examination

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SUPREME COURT ORDER
No. 26-005

ORDER APPROVING TEMPORARY PASS
SCORE FOR JULY 2026 NEXTGEN
UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION

The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) will begin administering the NextGen Uniform Bar Examination (NextGen UBE) in July 2026. On May 6, 2025, the Oregon Supreme Court decided to be among those jurisdictions to use the NextGen UBE at the NCBE's first administration in July 2026. See Rule for the Admission of Attorneys 5.1("Beginning in July 2026, the UBE administered in Oregon shall be the NextGen UBE.").

On October 13, 2025, the Court issued Supreme Court Order No. 25-041, which set the pass score for the NextGen UBE at 620, following the recommendation of the Oregon Board of Bar Examiners. The Board's recommendation was largely based upon the NCBE's representation that a score of 620 on the NextGen UBE aligns with a score of a 270 on the Legacy Uniform Bar Exam (Legacy UBE), which is the passing score on the Legacy UBE in Oregon. Representatives from Oregon's law schools thereafter asked the Board and the Court to reconsider the pass score for the NextGen UBE. The Court discussed the pass score for the NextGen UBE at its January 6, 2026, and February 3, 2026, public meetings. At the February meeting, the Board advised that it had reconsidered its position in light of the limited preparatory materials available to prospective applicants who plan to take the first offering of the NextGen UBE in July 2026. Based on that fact, the Board recommended that Court reduce the pass score for only the July 2026 NextGen UBE from 620 to 615. Because the Board anticipates that more preparatory materials will be available to applicants who take the NextGen UBE after July 2026, the Board recommended that the pass score remain at 620 for those subsequent examinations. The Board intends to undertake an updated standard setting study informed by NextGen performance data following the July 2026 administration of the NextGen UBE. Following that study, the Board will recommend whether to permanently adjust to the pass score for either the NextGen UBE or the Legacy UBE.

At its public meeting on February 3, 2026, the Court considered and approved the Board's recommendation to set the pass score for the July 2026 NextGen UBE at 615.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the pass score for the July 2026 NextGen UBE is set at 615. The pass score for the NextGen UBE offered after July 2026 remains at 620. The pass score for the Legacy Uniform Bar Examination remains unchanged at 270.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2026.



Meagan A. Flynn
Chief Justice