

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE BAR
EXAMINATION GRADING
STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Bar Examination Grading Standards and Procedures were approved by the Idaho Supreme Court on July 24, 1974, and amended November 13, 1989, March 15, 1991, June 10, 1999, June 15, 2001, September 19, 2009, June 1, 2010, March 5, 2012, March 3, 2017, and June 1, 2023 (Grading Standards).

WHEREAS, in 2024, the members of the Idaho State Bar voted to approve Resolution 24-01 to adopt the NextGen Bar Exam developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) commencing with the July 2026 bar examination, graded and scored in accordance with uniform processes and procedures established by the NCBE and adopted by the Court.

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2025, the Idaho Supreme Court approved Resolution 24-01 and ordered amendments to Section II of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules effective May 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar having presented proposed changes to the Grading Standards, and the Idaho Supreme Court having reviewed and approved the recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Grading Standards shall be amended to provide as follows:

Bar Examination Grading Standards and Procedures

*Approved by the Idaho Supreme Court - July 24, 1974
Amended November 13, 1989, March 15, 1991, June 10, 1999, June 15, 2001,*

September 19, 2009, June 1, 2010, March 5, 2012, March 3, 2017, June 1, 2023, and May 1, 2026

I. GRADING

1. The Idaho Bar Examination consists of the current version of the updated uniform bar examination developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) released on or after July 2026. *Idaho Bar Commission Rule 200(i)*.
2. The Bar Examination shall be graded and scored in accordance with uniform processes and procedures established by the NCBE.

II. SCORING

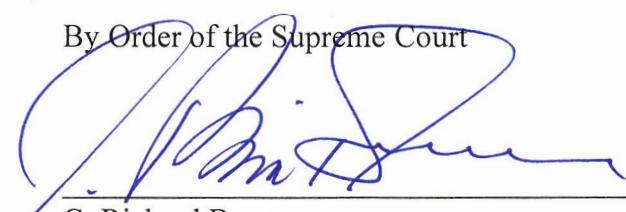
1. The minimum score required to pass the Idaho Bar Examination or to transfer a bar examination score earned in another jurisdiction administering the current version of the updated NCBE bar examination to Idaho is 616.
2. The minimum score required to transfer a Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) score earned in another UBE jurisdiction to Idaho is 266.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order and these amendments shall be effective May 1, 2026.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of this Order shall be published for three consecutive weeks on the Idaho State Bar's website and in its weekly email to Idaho State Bar members, and that, as soon as practicable, a summary of this Order shall be published in one issue of *The Advocate*.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2026.

By Order of the Supreme Court


G. Richard Bevan
Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court

ATTEST: Melanie Gagnepain
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk