

2026 NextGen UBE Study Aid and Sourcebook Licensing Information



The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) is pleased to offer three types of study aids to support candidates in their preparation for the NextGen Uniform Bar Exam (NextGen UBE). When combined, practice sets, multiple-choice question banks, and integrated question set banks will provide many hours of robust practice with authentic NextGen UBE questions. A nine-volume sourcebook series also enables law school faculty, curriculum designers, and jurisdiction administrators to understand the scope of doctrine assessed on the NextGen UBE.

All NextGen UBE study aid content is developed by NCBE's expert drafting and editing team—including law professors, practitioners, and judges from across the country. These materials enable candidates to practice with authentic, high-quality questions that reflect the style, format, and content of the exam.

Descriptions

Practice Sets

Each practice set includes approximately three hours of content, mirroring one full section of the operational NextGen UBE.

Each practice set includes the following:

- Forty standalone multiple-choice questions
- Two integrated question sets (including both multiple-choice and written-response questions)
- One full performance task (either a writing task or a legal research task with corresponding case file documents)

Multiple-Choice Question Banks



Each multiple-choice question bank contains fifty issue-spotter multiple-choice questions. The question bank showcases new skills and content areas assessed on the NextGen UBE. Each bank includes both formats of multiple-choice questions: select one of four options and select two of six options.

Integrated Question Set Banks



Each integrated question set bank contains five question sets. Each question set includes a factual scenario and asks candidates to apply legal knowledge and skills in realistic situations that reflect the work expected of newly licensed lawyers. A set may include some embedded legal resources (e.g., excerpts of statutes or judicial opinions) and/or supplemental documents (e.g., a police report or excerpt from a deposition).

There are two types of integrated question sets: counseling sets and drafting sets. Counseling sets are focused on client counseling and/or dispute resolution, while drafting sets are focused on drafting or editing a legal document. Counseling sets include multiple-choice and short-answer questions. Drafting sets ask candidates to draft or revise portions of a common legal document, such as a contract or affidavit.



All NextGen UBE study aids are available in online format, on the same platform as the operational NextGen UBE. For practice sets, digital access includes two modes:

 **Test Mode:** Simulates the actual exam experience—timed and without answer explanations or immediate feedback

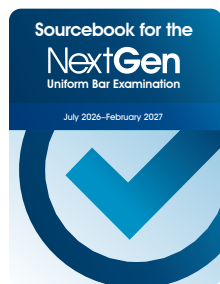
 **Practice Mode:** Work without time limits and see answer rationales, question-level feedback, and helpful tools to track understanding and progress

Item banks are only delivered in practice mode.

Additional digital features:

- Two total attempts (any combination of modes)
- Option to rank confidence levels for each question (low, medium, high)
- Option to review questions immediately or delay review
- One-year access, including two attempts to answer each question, plus reference and review

Sourcebooks



The NCBE digital sourcebook series is intended to provide legal educators and candidates with information about which legal concepts and principles are within the scope of doctrine to be assessed on the NextGen UBE. Each sourcebook in the nine-volume series relies on sources

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