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NextGen UBE Pricing Accommodations and Administration Policies

The following pricing and related policies are effective for the NextGen UBE for the July 2026 and February 2027 administrations.

Section 1: General Pricing Policies

I. Standard Exam Fee – Jurisdiction Pay \$145

Jurisdictions will be invoiced \$145 for each exam that is accessed by an examinee on exam day. No charges will be assessed to a jurisdiction for examinees who timely cancel their registration in accordance with the Cancellation Policy set forth below.

II. Exam Fee for Late Cancellation and No-Show Exams – Jurisdiction Pay \$45

Jurisdictions will be invoiced a reduced fee of \$45 for each exam where an examinee cancels late, as set forth in the Cancellation Policy below, or was marked as “NCBE Requirements Met” but did not appear and access the exam (“no-shows”).

III. Technology Fee – Examinee Pay \$149

Examinees are required to pay the Technology Fee through their NCBE Account no later than **11:59 p.m. (local jurisdiction time) three days before exam day**. Examinees who fail to pay the required Technology Fee by the deadline will not be added to the “NCBE Requirements Met” list.

Cancellation Policy:

- **Timely Cancellation:** A cancellation of an examinee on the “NCBE Requirements Met” list made by the jurisdiction in the jurisdiction portal by 11:59 pm (local

jurisdiction time) three days before the exam, is considered a timely cancellation. In this case, the examinee will receive a full refund of the Technology Fee, and the jurisdiction will not be assessed an exam fee.

- **Late Cancellation:** A cancellation of an examinee on the “NCBE Requirements Met” list made by a jurisdiction after 11:59 pm (local jurisdiction time) three days before the exam, is considered a late cancellation. In this case, the examinee will not receive a refund of the Technology Fee, and the jurisdiction will be assessed the reduced \$45 exam fee.

Deadlines:

11:59 p.m., Friday, July 24 – U.S. mainland, US Virgin Islands

11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 25 – Guam, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), Palau

For administrative purposes, jurisdictions may cancel candidates within the jurisdiction portal up to twelve (12) hours before the exam. However, if the cancellation occurs after the deadline listed above, the reduced exam fee will still be assessed.

- **NCBE Cancellation.** Any examinee on an Eligibility to Sit roster who does not complete their NCBE requirements by 11:59 pm (local jurisdiction time) three days before the exam, will be cancelled by NCBE. If the examinee had paid their Technology Fee it will not be refunded to the examinee. In this case the jurisdiction will be charged a reduced fee of \$45.

Section 2: Nonstandard Testing (Accommodations) Fees

The following accessibility capabilities will be available in the ITS delivery platform for examinee use in jurisdictions at no extra charge.

Capabilities with a star ★ require an approved accommodation.

Capabilities without a star are available to all examinees.

I. Extended Time/Extended Schedule

No fee

- ★ **Extended Time:** Allows additional time to complete the exam. Extended time can be approved at 25%, 33%, 50%, or 100% extended time.
- ★ **Stop-the-Clock Breaks:** An internal time offers flexible breaks throughout each exam session. Stop-the-clock breaks can be approved at 30, 45, or 60 minutes.

II. Platform Capabilities

No fee

Color Scheme: The platform uses AA color-compliant color choices to ensure that visual information (such as highlights or alerts) is distinguishable for examinees with color vision deficiencies. Examinees can change color schemes (Light, Dark, High Contrast) to better support their visual needs and create a more comfortable testing experience.

Browser Zoom (Control/Cmd +/-): Allows examinees to enlarge screen content to improve readability.

Font Size Selection: Allows examinees to select a font size that meets their visual needs.

- ★ **Screen Reader Support:** The platform is compatible with major screen readers, including **JAWS** and **NVDA** (Windows) and **VoiceOver** (Mac), enabling examinees with vision impairments to navigate and interact with the platform using full audio delivery of the exam. Examinees with this approved accommodation who are not in a private room as expected to use headphones.

Keyboard Navigation: All platform features can be accessed using a keyboard, eliminating the need for a mouse.

- ★ **Speech-to-Text:** Allows examinees to input responses using voice commands.
- ★ **Dragon:** The platform is compatible with Dragon, a speech recognition technology, to support hands-free navigation and response input.
- ★ **Text to Speech:** Enables examinees to listen to written content, supporting comprehension and focus. Examinees with this approved accommodation who are not in a private room as expected to use headphones.

Spell Check: Assists examinees who may have language processing or written expression difficulties by reducing the cognitive load of spelling accuracy.

Clock Toggle: Allows examinees to hide the timer, helping to reduce time-related stress and support concentration.

The following exam materials will be provided by NCBE upon request from a jurisdiction based on an approved accommodation.

**Ia. Printed Book (Resources Only) – Jurisdiction Pay
\$494**

Where an examinee receives a paper accommodation including resources only, a jurisdiction may request a printed book of all resources to be provided by NCBE in 12-, 18-, or 24-point font. This accommodation does not provide an additional book for the examinee to handwrite answers before entering the responses in the system. The jurisdiction will be invoiced \$494 for each printed book it orders, regardless of whether the printed book is used by an examinee.

**Ib. Printed Book (Resources and Questions) – Jurisdiction Pay
\$594**

Where an examinee receives a paper accommodation including resources and handwriting, a jurisdiction may request a printed book to be provided by NCBE in 12-, 18-, or 24-point font. The jurisdiction will be invoiced \$594 for each set of printed books it orders, regardless of whether the printed books are used by an examinee.

Important notes:

- **Response Entry Responsibility:** Jurisdictions are solely responsible for ensuring that all examinee responses are entered into the ITS delivery platform. Jurisdictions have two options for data entry into the delivery platform:
 1. **Where Jurisdictions require examinee validation** the data must be entered by the scribe and verified for accuracy by the examinee during the testing window.
 2. **Where Jurisdictions do not require examinee validation** response data may be entered at any time prior to constructed response grading beginning. In this case examinees are not permitted to validate or modify any responses they had hand written.

Any responses not entered into the exam delivery platform will not be scored or graded.

- **Technology Fee and Pre-Exam Requirements:** Examinees receiving a paper accommodation must pay the \$149 Technology Fee and complete all required pre-exam steps, including downloading the software and completing the exam tutorial, to ensure the laptop used to enter responses into the ITS delivery platform meets all system requirements.
- **Jurisdiction Support:** Jurisdictions are responsible for assisting examinees who need help accessing their NCBE Account or completing NCBE requirements. Jurisdictions should also remind examinees that the same device used to complete the pre-exam steps must be brought and used on exam day to enter responses into the ITS delivery platform.
- **Testing Window and Transcription Time:** The testing window will not be extended to allow additional time for the transcription of handwritten responses into the ITS delivery platform. Jurisdictions must ensure that all responses are entered and verified within the established testing window. If a jurisdiction anticipates that an examinee may require additional time for the entry of responses due to the approved paper accommodation, the jurisdiction should also approve an extended-time testing accommodation.

II. Braille Materials – Jurisdiction Pay \$750

Where an examinee receives a braille accommodation, a jurisdiction may request braille materials to be provided by NCBE. The jurisdiction will be invoiced \$750 for each braille exam it orders, regardless of whether the braille exam is used by an examinee.

Important notes:

- **Response Entry Responsibility:** Jurisdictions are solely responsible for ensuring that all examinee responses are entered into the ITS delivery platform in real time and verified for accuracy during the testing window. Where responses are entered into the delivery platform by a third party (e.g., a scribe or bar admission staff member), that individual must log into the delivery platform using the examinee's credentials. NCBE will not enter examinee braille responses, and braille responses not entered into the ITS delivery platform during the testing window will not be graded.

- **Technology Fee and Pre-Exam Requirements:** Examinees receiving a braille accommodation must pay the \$149 Technology Fee and complete all required pre-exam steps, including downloading the software and completing the exam tutorial, to ensure that the laptop used to enter responses into the ITS delivery platform meets all system requirements.
- **Third-Party Assistance with Pre-Exam Steps:** Where a third party assists the examinee with registering a laptop or completing required pre-exam steps, that individual must register with NCBE (at no additional charge) to ensure appropriate access to the delivery platform.
- **Testing Window and Transcription Time:** The testing window will not be extended to allow additional time for the entry or transcription of braille responses into the ITS delivery platform. If a jurisdiction anticipates that an examinee may require additional time for response entry due to the braille accommodation, the jurisdiction should also approve an extended-time testing accommodation.

Accommodations that are not accessibility features already built into the system are entered into the jurisdiction portal through the dropdown menu in the Eligibility to Sit excel template.

The accommodation descriptions are that are selected will be listed as follows. Accommodation codes are used only by NCBE and ITS and will not be included in the jurisdiction portal. For ease of jurisdiction data entry NCBE recommends listing accommodation codes in your systems as:

UEB Braille
 EBAE Braille
 Daily Time Limit (8 hours)
 25% Extended Time
 33% Extended Time
 50% Extended Time
 100% Extended Time
 Paper 12-point font

Paper 18-point font
Paper 24-point font
Dragon
Screen Reader
Stop-the-clock break 30 minutes
Stop-the-clock break 45 minutes
Stop-the-clock break 60 minutes
Speech-to-text
Text-to-speech

Section 3: General Pricing Policies

I. Technical Proctors

No fee

NCBE will provide, at no additional charge, one ITS Certified Technical Proctor per 100 examinees, with a minimum of one technical proctor per location.

Where a jurisdiction determines that Technical Proctors **in excess of** those provided by NCBE are needed, the jurisdiction is responsible for recruitment, payment, and management of the additional Technical Proctor(s). NCBE will provide training for additional Technical Proctors at no charge.

II. Backup Laptops

No fee

NCBE will provide, at no additional charge, PC and Mac backup laptops equal to a total of 10% of examinees per exam site through February 2028. At that time, adjustments to the number of backup laptops to be provided by NCBE will be made based on evaluation of usage.

During the January 2026 NextGen UBE Beta Exam, backup laptops were used at a rate of approximately three percent (3%) of examinees. For the initial operational administrations of the NextGen UBE, NCBE will provision backup laptops at a rate of up to ten percent (10%) of examinees to support operational resilience during the 2026–2028 launch period.

Backup laptops may be used when the NCBE secure testing browser and/or exam

delivery platform software fail on an examinee's laptop during the exam, as determined by an ITS Certified Technical Proctor. Jurisdictions may also, at their discretion, provide a backup laptop when an examinee's device cannot be used for testing (for example, if the examinee arrives with an incompatible device or experiences hardware failure), provided that backup laptop usage does not exceed the ten percent (10%) provisioning limit available at the test site.

Examinees are required to bring to the exam the same laptop used to download the NCBE secure testing browser and complete the exam tutorial, along with a compatible charger. The availability of backup laptops does not relieve examinees of this requirement, and backup laptops cannot be guaranteed.

Laptop Custodians will be on-site at each administration venue and will be responsible for receiving, storing, distributing, and returning backup laptops. Laptop Custodians will not provide technical support to examinees. All technical support will be the responsibility of Techn