

The NextGen Bar Exam

Update for Legal Educators



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Overview

- **Knowledge Areas**
- **Components**
- **Jurisdiction**

UPDATE

Foundational Doctrinal Areas

**Business
Associations**

**Civil
Procedure**

**Constitutional
Law**

Contracts

**Criminal
Law**

Evidence

**Real
Property**

Torts




JULY 2028

**Family
Law**

Integrating Skills and Doctrine



Schedule of Content Changes

	JULY 2026–FEBRUARY 2028	JULY 2028
	NextGen UBE • MBE, MEE, MPT • Legacy UBE	NextGen UBE
Family Law	Removed from MEE Prioritized  (MPT and NextGen performance tasks and integrated question sets)	Added to Foundational Concepts and Principles
Trusts & Estates	Removed from MEE Prioritized  (MPT and NextGen performance tasks and integrated question sets)	Prioritized  Performance tasks and integrated question sets

Key:  Legal resources provided



Doctrinal knowledge and application

Detailed Knowledge ★

Know details of doctrine **without consulting legal resources**

Limited Scope

Spot issues and work efficiently **with provided legal resources** to perform analyses and evaluation tasks

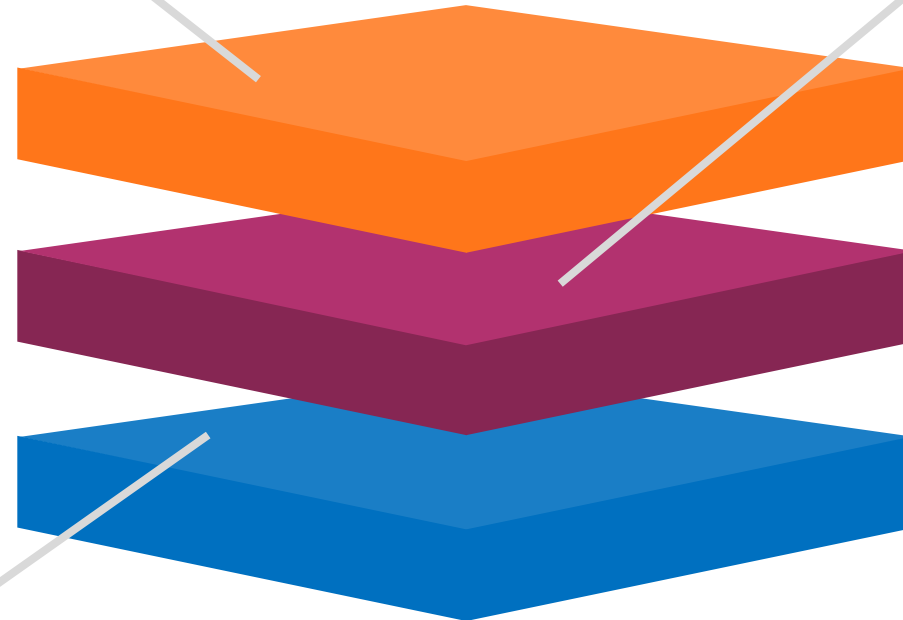


Components of the NextGen Bar Exam

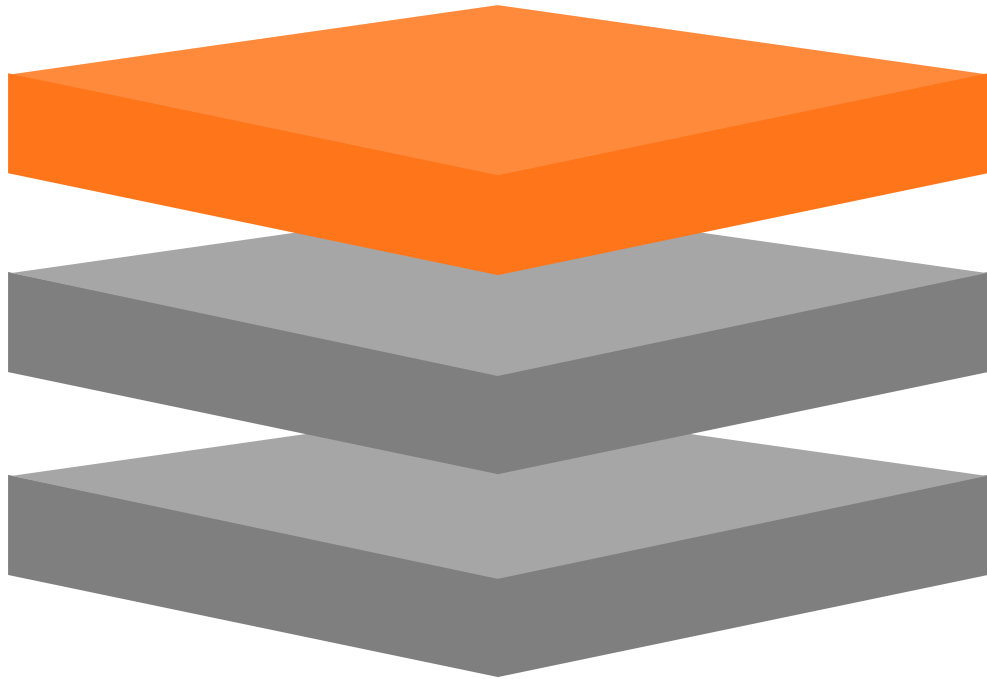
Multiple-Choice
Questions

Integrated
Question Sets

Performance
Tasks

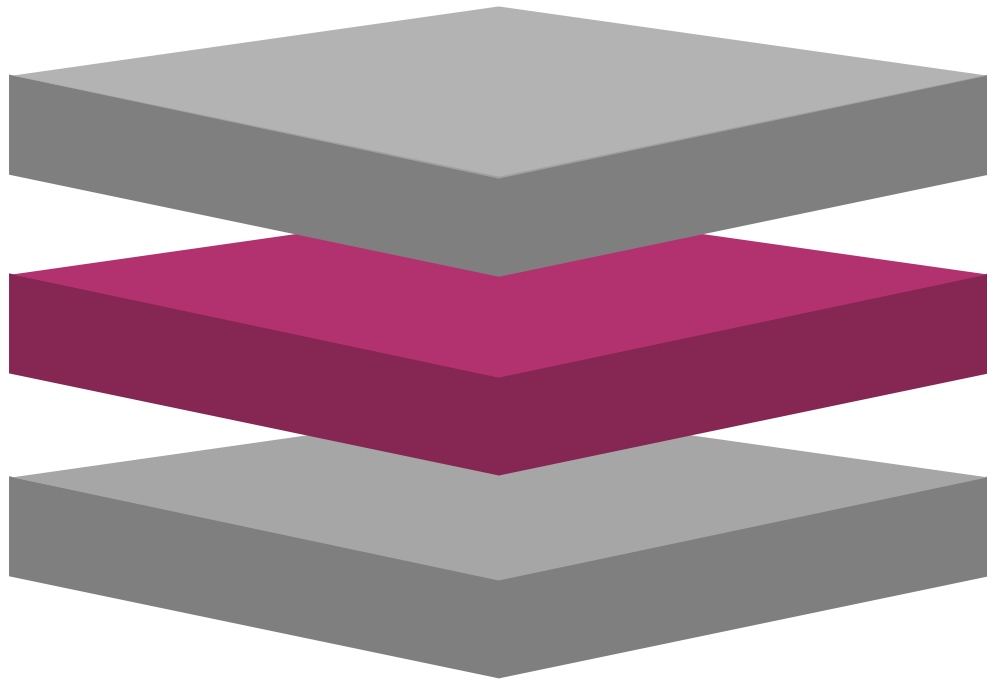


Multiple-Choice Questions



- Stand-alone and within integrated question sets
- Two types:
 - Select one answer
 - Select multiple answers

Integrated Question Set

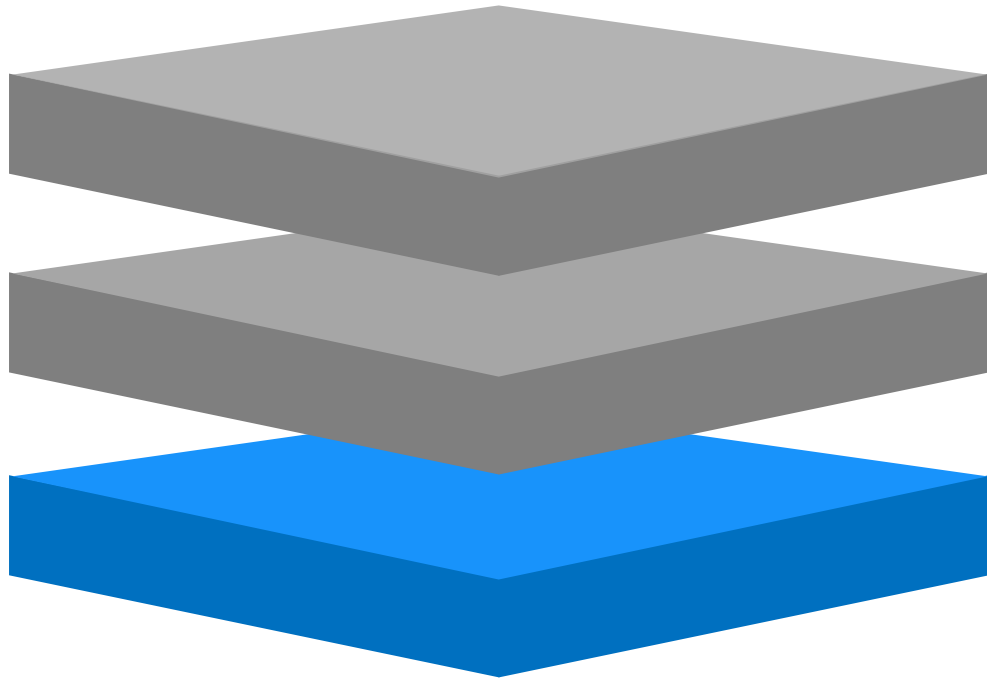


- One client scenario with a collection of short-answer and multiple-choice questions and sometimes a short drafting exercise
- Examinee must demonstrate one or more legal skills in the context of the scenario raising one or more substantive or procedural legal issues

Integrated Question Set



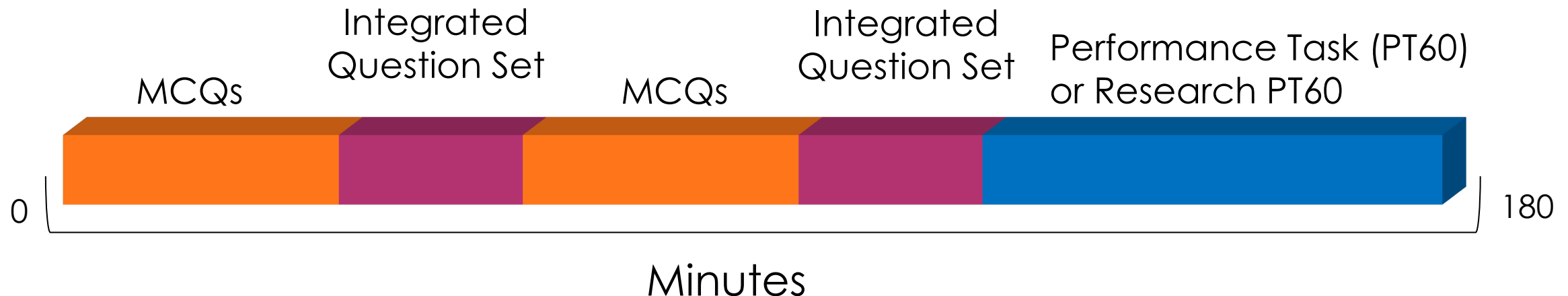
Performance Tasks



- Performance tasks will continue to be "closed universe" assessments with legal resources provided
- Some may have a research element and a few multiple-choice and constructed-response questions

NextGen Structure – Example Design

NextGen will be a 9-hour, fully computer-based exam administered over a day and a half. Each three-hour section will consist of two sets of multiple-choice questions, two integrated question sets, and one performance task. **This sequence and timing are subject to change after data analysis from Field and Prototype Tests.**



Portability

NextGen scores will function as equivalents to Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) components for inter-jurisdictional score portability.

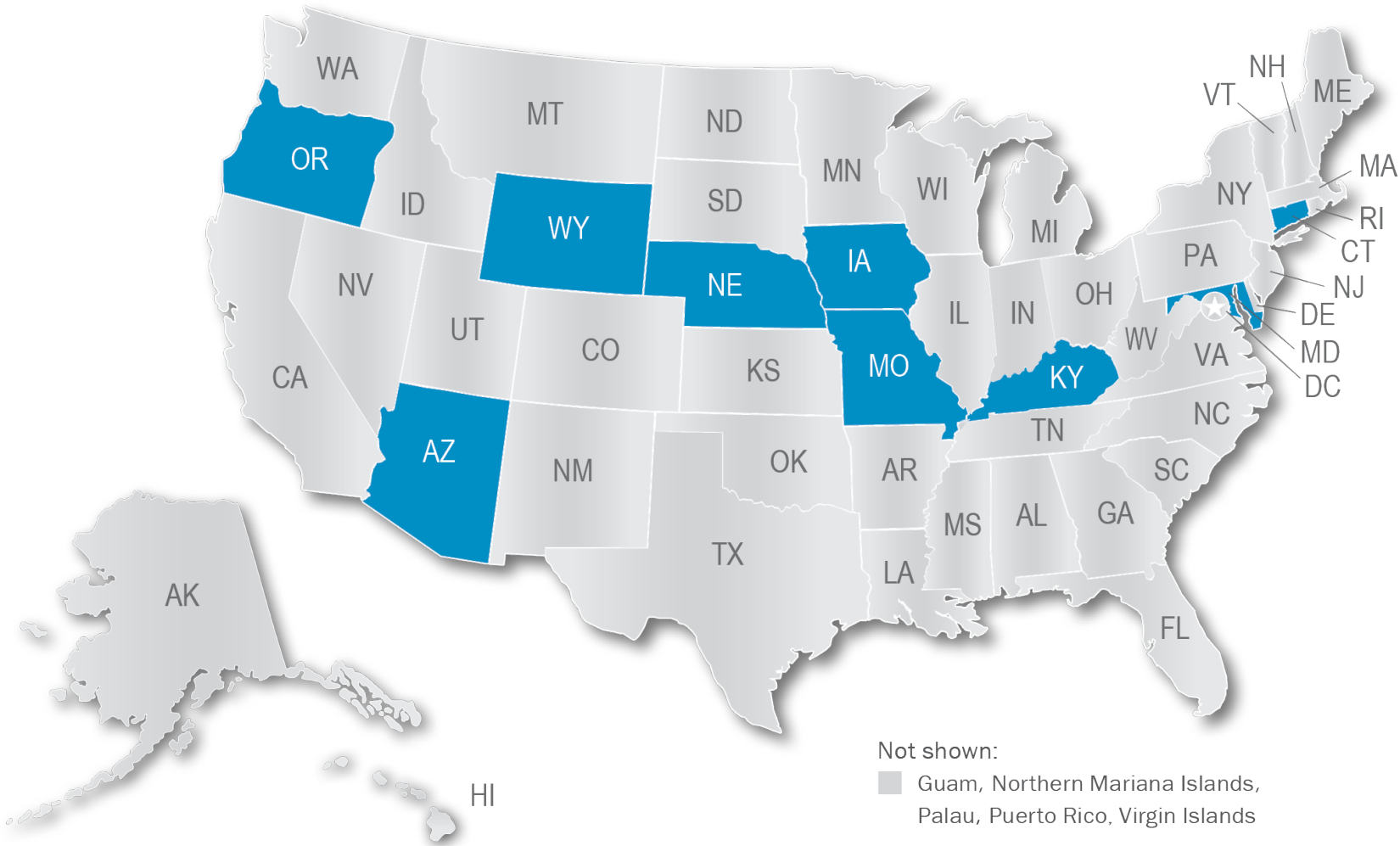




Jurisdictions Will Continue To:

- Determine eligibility to sit for the exam
- Make accommodations decisions
- Administer the exam
- Grade their examinee answers
- Set passing standard and offer portability

NextGen Adoption to Date



JULY 2026

Maryland
Missouri
Oregon

JULY 2027

Arizona
Iowa
Kentucky
Nebraska
Wyoming

DATE TBD

Connecticut

Research Phases

Phase 1: August 2022 – April 2023

- Efficacy of new item types
- Impact of providing legal resources
- Time needed to answer new question types

Phase 2: Q1 2024

- Confirm timing estimates
- Efficacy of new performance tasks
- Generate item and test performance data

Phase 3: October 2024

- Full-length test
- Administered in realistic conditions
- Generate data to set passing scores

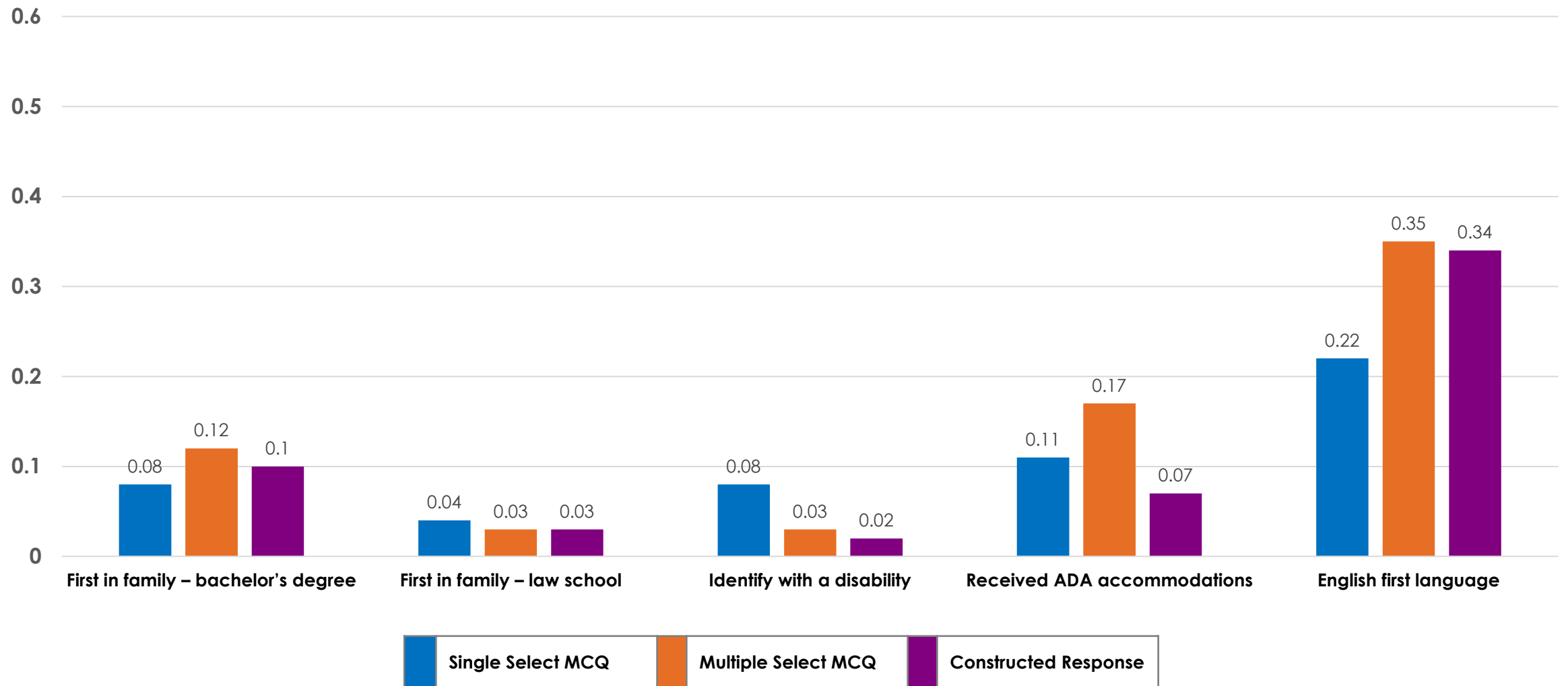
Research Phases

Phase 1

- Efficacy of new item types
 - 93% found item sets to be of reasonable difficulty
 - Supported by percent correct (p-values) obtained
- Impact of providing legal resources
 - 72% of those with access used resources
 - No difference in scores
- Time needed to answer new question types
 - Guidelines for appropriate time allotment for similar item types
 - Informs use of item types within NextGen

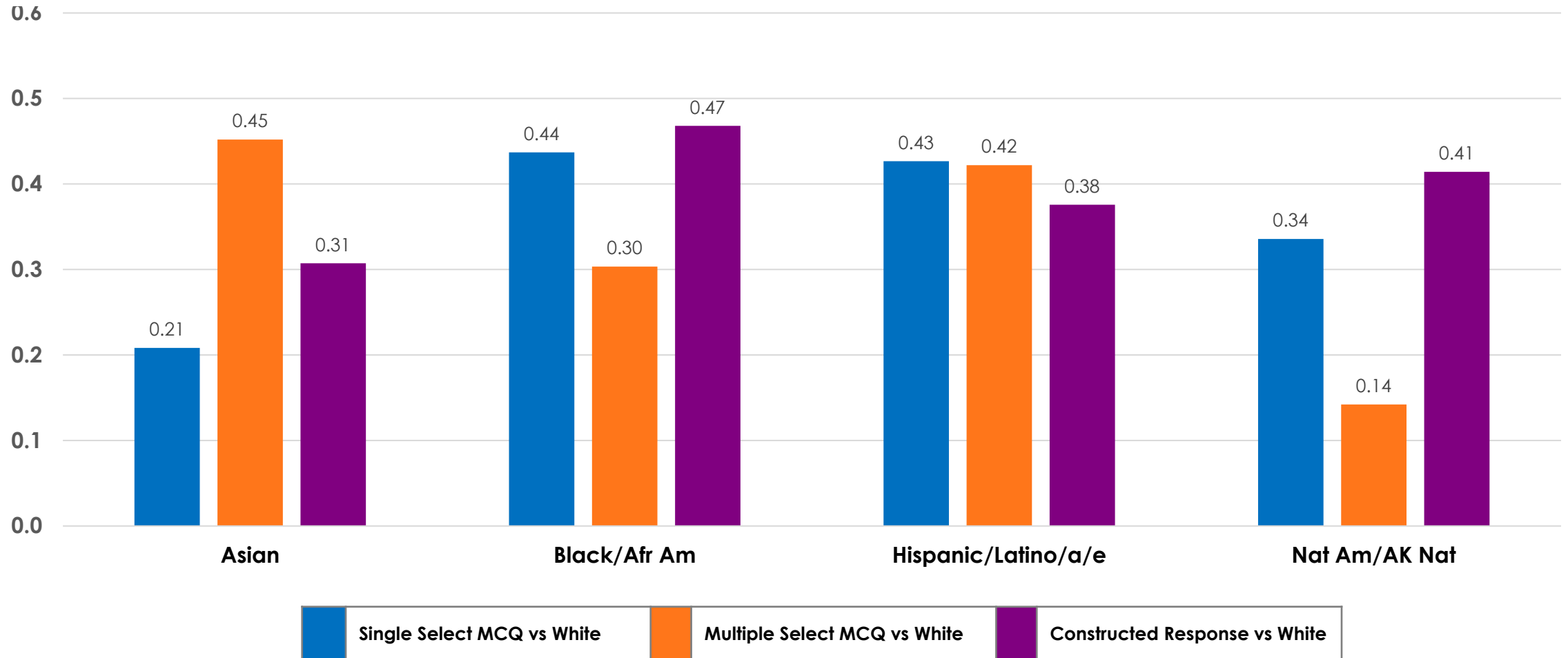
Group Performance

Score differences for different item types



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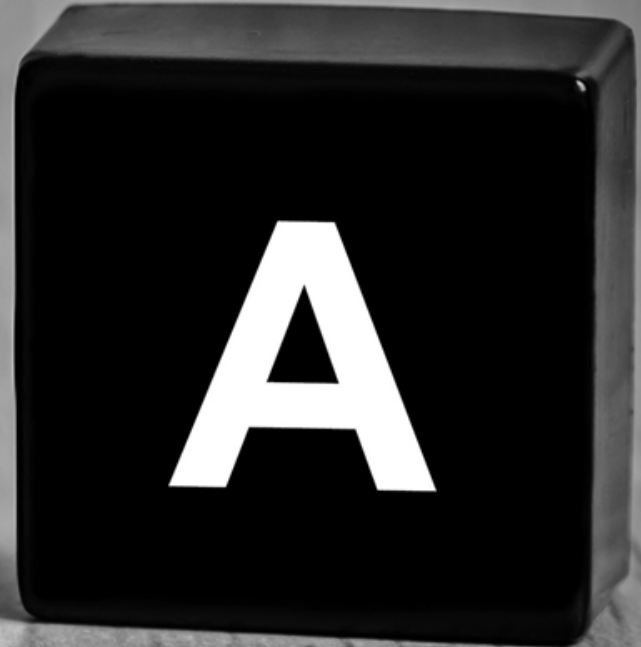
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