Alabama Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Alabama Bar Exam is a 2½-day exam.

**Day 1:** Six Alabama Civil Litigation essays

**Day 2:** Six Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions and two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions

**Day 3:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a six-hour, 200-question multiple-choice exam

Subjects Tested

**MBE Subjects:** Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts.


**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

The Alabama Bar Exam is administered on the last Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in February and July.

**2016 Winter:** February 22 - 24
**2016 Summer:** July 25 - 27
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applicant must file both a law student registration and a bar exam application. Law student registration filing fees are: $10 if filed within the first 60 days of law school; $35 if filed within 180 days; $50 if filed within 330 days; $75 if filed within 390 days; $100 if filed after 390 days with affidavit.

Bar exam application must be filed by October 1st for the February exam and by February 1st for the July exam. AL residents pay $575. Non-residents, attorneys and those who have previously applied to another jurisdiction pay $575.

Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are averaged in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score (combined 128). Results are generally released in early May for February exam and late September for July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Alabama does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicants may transfer previous MBE score from another jurisdiction if a scaled score of 140 or higher was achieved within 20 months, and if admitted to jurisdiction where exam was taken.