California Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format
The California bar exam is a three-day exam.

**Day 1:** Morning session is three essay exams given over three hours and can come from any test subject. Afternoon session is one three-hour California Performance Test.

**Day 2:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam.

**Day 3:** Morning session is three essay exams given over three hours and can come from any test subject. Afternoon session is one three-hour California Performance Test.

**SUBJECTS TESTED**

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

**California Essay Subjects** Federal Civil Procedure, CA Civil Procedure, Business Associations (Corporations, Agency and Partnership, and LLC), CA Community Property, CA Evidence, CA Professional Responsibility, Remedies, Trusts, CA Wills and Succession, plus all MBE subjects.

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

**MPRE:** A scaled score of 86 on the MPRE is required for admission.

Bar Exam Dates

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

**2016 Winter:** February 23, 24 and 25
**2016 Summer:** July 26, 27 & 28
FILING DEADLINES AND FEES

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To be timely, applications must be filed by November 3 for the February exam and April 1 for the July exam. Late filing is allowed until January 15 and June 15 respectively.

Exam fee: $645

Attorney Exam fee: $937

Late filing exam fee:

After initial deadline – $50

After first late fee period expires – $250

GRADING AND RESULTS

The MBE score is 35% of the total score and the essay questions and Performance Tests combine to account for 65% of the total score. A passing score of 1,440 on a 2,000 point scale is required, based on the combined scaled scores of the California Performance Test, the essay questions and the MBE. Results from the February exam are released in mid-to-late May and from the July exam, the Friday before Thanksgiving.

RECIPROCITY

Acceptance of MBE Score California does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

Admission on Motion California does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants. Attorneys who have been licensed in another jurisdiction for four years may be eligible to sit for the attorney exam (written exam only).