Georgia Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Georgia bar exam is a two-day exam.

**Day 1:** Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions in the morning and four 45-minute essay questions in the afternoon.

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

**SUBJECTS TESTED**

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


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

**MPRE:** A scaled score of 75 on the MPRE is required for admission.

Bar Exam Locations/Dates

The Georgia Bar Exam is administered in Atlanta on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

**2016 Winter:** February 23 - 24
**2016 Summer:** July 26 - 27
FILING DEADLINES AND FEES

An Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions by the deadlines published in current Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law eight months prior to exam. Late applications with late fees are accepted by deadlines published in the Rules. Fitness Certification from the Board is a condition precedent to applying to the Board to take the exam. Deadline is July 2 for February exam and December 3 for July exam.

**Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law:**

$500 for filings made prior to the award of first professional law degree, $700 for filings made between award of first professional law degree and within one year thereof, $800 for filings made more than one year after award of first professional law degree, $1,000 for applications for Attorney’s Exam, $1,000 for Admission on motion plus a $600 eligibility determination fee.

**Application to Board of Bar Examiners:** $350

**MBE fee:** $74

Regular filing period is through January 7 for February exam and through June 3 for July exam.

**Petition for admission on motion:** $600 fee for NCBE character report

GRADING AND RESULTS

Scaled MBE and scaled essay/performance test scores are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 270. Applicant must receive MBE scaled score of 115 to have essays graded. Combined score of 265-269 will result in re-grading of essays and MPTs prior to the release of grades. Results are generally released in late May for February exam and late October for July exam.

RECIROCITY

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

**Admission on Motion** May be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from Georgia without exam. Must have practiced (including teaching law at a law school approved by the ABA) for at least five of seven years immediately preceding application. Must meet educational requirements. See “Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law” for other eligibility requirements. In addition, Attorneys’ Exam may be offered to applicants meeting certain specified criteria.