Hawaii Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Hawaii bar exam is a two-day exam.

Day 1: Seven Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions, a multiple-choice exam on the Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct (HRPC) and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.

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

SUBJECTS TESTED


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

Hawaii Legal Ethics Exam: The Hawaii Legal Ethics Examination consists of 15 multiple-choice questions. It was developed by the Hawaii Board of Examiners and is based on the Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct (HRPC). This exam component is identified as Question No. 8 and is administered on Tuesday morning. Hawaii allots 30 minutes for this exam component. Do not confuse the Hawaii Legal Ethics Examination with the NCBE’s Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) or the mandatory Hawaii Professionalism Course conducted by the Hawaii State Bar Association.
**MPRE:** A scaled score of 85 on the MPRE within two years before or within one year after the Hawaii bar exam is required for admission.

**Bar Exam Dates**

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

**Winter 2016:** February 23-24  
**Summer 2016:** July 26-27

**FILING DEADLINES AND FEES**

Application must be received by the preceding November 1 for February exam and the preceding April 1 for July exam. No late filing allowed. Exam fee: $500 plus laptop user fee paid to ExamSoft, and cost of NCBE character report.

**GRADING AND RESULTS**

Day 1 (weighted 1/2) and Day 2 scores (weighted 1/2) are combined for overall passing score of 134. The written score includes performance on a locally developed multiple-choice component that is weighted 5% and assesses Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct. Grading policies are determined by the Committee of Bar Examiners and specific inquiries concerning grading should be addressed to the Supreme Court Clerk’s Office. Results are generally released in early May for February exam and early October for July exam.

**RECIROCITY**

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

**Admission on Motion** Although admission on motion is not generally available, Hawaii allows it on specific and limited grounds.