Kansas Bar Exam Information

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BAR EXAM FORMAT

The Kansas bar exam is a two-day exam.

Day 1: Kansas Essay Exam consisting of 16 essays drafted by the Kansas Board of Bar Examiners. Eight questions are administered in the morning and eight in the afternoon, each session is three hours.

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

SUBJECTS TESTED


MPRE: Applicant must achieve a scaled score of 80 on the MPRE prior to or within 180 days of taking the bar exam.

BAR EXAM DATES

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

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

Application must be received by October 1 for the February exam and by March 1 for the July exam.

Exam fee: $400

Late applications received after the deadline but by November 1 for February exam and by April 1 for July exam shall be in the amount of $600.

GRADING AND RESULTS

MBE and essay scores are combined to determine if the applicant has achieved a passing combined scaled score of 133 or higher. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and mid-September for the July exam.

RECIPROCITY

Acceptance of MBE Score Applicants may transfer MBE scaled score of 120 or higher from another jurisdiction if from a concurrent exam or received within 13 months prior to the current exam, provided that the applicant passed the entire exam in one sitting in the transferring jurisdiction.

Admission on Motion May be admitted without an exam if licensed in at least one jurisdiction that permits mutuality of admission without examination for members of the Kansas Bar, may not have previously failed a written Kansas Bar Examination, meets the requirements of Kansas Rules 706 and 707, must have never received professional discipline nor currently be the subject of a pending disciplinary investigation in any other jurisdiction, must be of good moral character and mentally and emotionally fit to engage in the practice of law, must have been lawfully engaged in the active practice of law for five of the seven years immediately preceding the date of application, has not previously engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Kansas or any other jurisdiction.

MISCELLANEOUS

Applicant may take bar exam prior to graduation, provided that applicant graduates within 30 days following administration of the bar exam.