Maine Bar Exam Information

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BAR EXAM FORMAT

The Maine bar exam is a two-day exam.

**Day 1:** Morning session with four 45-minute essay questions, afternoon session with two 45-minute essay questions and one 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question.

**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 question using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

**MPRE:** A scaled score of 80 on the MPRE is required for admission.

BAR EXAM DATES

The Maine 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 filed by 5 p.m. December 22 for the February exam and by 5 p.m. May 20 for the July exam. Applications received seven calendar days after the deadline will be accepted with an additional $150 late fee. Applications received 8-14 days late must include a $300 late fee. Request application in writing or download application.

Exam Fee: $450

Attorney Applicant: $650 plus NCBE fees

Reciprocal Admission: $900 plus NCBE fees

GRADING AND RESULTS

The score is comprised of 4/11 (36%) from the MBE score and 7/11 (64%) from the converted score from Day 1.

A passing score is a scaled score of 138. Results are released within 75 days after the exam.

RECIPROCITY

Modified Bar Examinations An applicant who (i) has been admitted by examination to practice in one or more jurisdictions and has been in the active practice of law for at least three of the preceding five years or (ii) has taken the MBE within the 61 months prior to the current exam, may elect to take only the first day of the examination (see Rule 10 (e)(1) of the Maine Bar Admission Rules). An applicant qualified under either (i) or (ii) and who has achieved a usable MBE scaled score may be admitted on the basis of a further modified written examination (see Rule 10 (e)(2)). New Hampshire and Vermont attorneys should see Maine Bar Admission Rules for requirements.