Maryland Bar Exam Information

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BAR EXAM FORMAT

The Maryland bar exam is a two-day exam.

Day 1: Ten state essays plus one 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.

**Maryland Essay Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Transactions, Business Associations, Family Law, MD Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, plus all MBE subjects.

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

**MPRE:** Not required.

BAR EXAM DATES
The Maryland bar exam is held twice each year on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February and July.

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

FILING DEADLINES AND FEES

Applicant must complete both an application for admission and an original petition to take the bar exam.

Application for admission deadlines and fees:

UW Law School: Academic Enhancement Program (AEP)  
Source: www.barbri.com
Timely filing: $225 registration fee if received by September 15 for the February. Contact bar examiner office for July exam deadline.

Late filing: $275 registration fee if received by December 22 for the February exam. The original petition must be received by December 22 for the February exam. Contact bar examiner office for July exam deadlines.

Original Petition fee: $250

Attorney Application fee: $700 plus a NCBE fee ($375)

GRADING AND RESULTS

Each essay exam question is worth six points and the MPT question is worth nine points, total essay score is then scaled up to 200 points. The essay exam is weighted twice as much as the MBE. Thus, the total scaled score is the essay scaled score multiplied by two and added to the MBE scaled score. To pass, an applicant must achieve a total scaled score of 406 out of 600 points. Results are generally released in early May for February exam and early November for July exam. To pass the Attorney Exam, a score of at least 70% of the total point score is required.

RECIPROCITY

Acceptance of MBE Score Applicants may transfer an MBE score from another jurisdiction from a concurrent exam only.

Eligibility for Admission by Attorney Examination Out-of-state attorney applicants are required to take an essay exam on Maryland Evidence, Maryland Civil/Criminal Practice and Procedure and Rules of Professional Conduct. Applicants must have practiced law as a principal means of support in another jurisdiction for 10 years, or five of the last 10 years immediately preceding application, must have been admitted by exam in another state, and must have intent to practice in Maryland.

Attorney Exam Application Fee: $700 (plus cost of NCBE character report: $300)

MISCELLANEOUS

All applicants required to complete a course on legal professionalism offered by the Maryland State Bar Association under the authority of the Court of Appeals prior to admission. There is a course fee.