Massachusetts Bar Exam Information

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners

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Bar Exam Format

The Massachusetts Bar Exam is a two day exam.
**Day 1:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam.
**Day 2:** Ten essay questions.

Subjects Tested

**MBE Subjects**
Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts

**MA Essay Subjects**

Bar Exam Dates

The MA Bar Exam is administered on the last Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.

**2015 Winter:** February 24 - 25
**2016 Summer:** July 27 - 28

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Exam fee: $815
Technology fee (to use laptop for the essay portion of the exam): $75
Admission on Motion: $1015

Deadline for 2016 Winter: December 11, 2015
Deadline for 2016 Summer: TBA

Applicants may apply to sit for the MA Bar Exam by filing an on-line application and by printing, completing and mailing a paper copy of the application. Applications must be filed with the:

Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County,
Clerk Maura S. Doyle's Office,
John Adam Courthouse
Suite 1300
Boston, MA 02108-1707

Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are combined in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 270. Results are generally released in May for February exam and November for July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion**
May be eligible on motion. Must have been admitted in another jurisdiction for 5 years and have engaged in the practice or teaching of law since prior admission; must meet educational requirements; and must have achieved a scale score of 85 on the MPRE.

**Acceptance of MBE Score**
Applicants may transfer actual raw MBE score from another jurisdiction only if from a concurrent exam.