Michigan Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Michigan Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** 15 essay questions

**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.


**MPRE:** A scaled score of 85 on the MPRE is required for admission.

Bar Exam Dates

The Michigan Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July in Lansing, MI.

**2016 Winter:** February 23 - 24
**2016 Summer:** July 27 - 28

Filing Fees and Deadlines
Application must be filed by November 1st for the February exam and March 1st for the July exam. Late applications accepted until December 15th for the February exam and May 15th for the July exam with late fees ($100 exam and $100 investigation). Applications must be obtained online at www.michbar.org with payment of $21.

February 2016:
- Exam Fee:
  - August 15th through November 1 (midnight, EST) - $340
  - November 2nd (12:01 a.m., EST) through May 15th (midnight, EST) - $440
- Investigation Fee:
  - August 15th through November 1 (midnight, EST) - $225
  - November 2nd (12:01 a.m., EST) through May 15th (midnight, EST) - $325
- Fingerprint Fee: $49.25

Admission on motion: Call the Board of Law Examiners for exact fees. All fees are subject to change.

Grading and Results

MBE contains 200 multiple-choice question, 190 of which are scored. Essay examination consists of 15 essay questions with 10 raw points possible for each question. A combined score of 135 or above is necessary to pass the exam. Results are generally released in mid-May for February exam and mid-November for July exam. See more at: http://www.barbri.com/states/michigan/bar-exam/#sthash.E26CRG7Q.dpuf

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An attorney from another state may be admitted on motion and without taking the bar examination per the requirements of the Michigan Board of Law Examiner’s Rule 5. See more at: http://www.barbri.com/states/michigan/bar-exam/#sthash.E26CRG7Q.dpuf

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Acceptance of MBE Score If the other state accepts transfer of MBE scores from exams administered in Michigan, MBE score obtained within three years might transfer from that state, applicant must have passed the entire exam which the MBE score the applicant seeks to transfer was a part. In the case of states that accept transfers from "concurrent examinations only," a transfer only from a concurrent examination will be accepted.
Applicant is still required to sit for the essay portion of the Michigan examination and must achieve a passing score as determined by a combination of the scores of the two portions of the examination. See MCL 600.934 (2-3) and Board of Law Examiner’s Policy Statements on 934-2 and 934-3, available at here, Statutes, and PolicyStatements.pdf. The necessary form can be downloaded from the State Bar of Michigan’s website. In addition, written notice of intent to transfer MBE score, by letter to the Board of Law Examiners, is a necessary precondition to perfect the applicant’s right to transfer an MBE score to Michigan. - See more at: http://www.barbri.com/states/michigan/bar-exam/#sthash.E26CRG7Q.dpuf