Montana Bar Exam Information

Montana Bar Exam
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Bar Exam Format

The Montana Bar Exam is a 3-day Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).

Day 1: Six 30-minute Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT).
Day 2: Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) a 200-question, multiple-choice exam.
Day 3: Montana Law Seminar (MLS) in two, 3-hour courses. Attendance for the MLS is a prerequisite to admission to the Montana State Bar.

Subjects Tested

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

Montana Essay Subjects: Agency; Business Organizations; Civil Procedure; Constitutional Law (Federal & State); Contracts; Criminal Law (Substantive & Procedural); Domestic Relations; Evidence; Income (Federal); Estates and Gift (Federal & State); Taxation; Professional Responsibility (including the Rules of Professional Responsibility and the norms of professional conduct); Real Property; Torts; Trust, Probate, & Wills, Guardianships, Conservatorships, and Estates; UCC as adopted in Montana (excluding Articles 5, 7 and 8); Workers Compensation.

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

Bar Exam Dates

The Montana Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.

Winter 2016: February 23 - 25
Summer 2016: July 26 - 28
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by October 1 for February exam and by March 15 for the July exam. Application fees are not refundable and applicants may wait until they have been certified by the Commission on Character and Fitness before submitting the exam fee. To pay application or deferral fees or for the Montana Law Seminar, please pay online or send a check or money order to: Montana Bar Admissions at PO Box 577, Helena, MT 59624. - See more at: http://www.barbri.com/states/montana/bar-exam/#sthash.t6Sdi2tS.dpuf

**Application fee (student):** $150  
**Application fee (attorney):** $400  
**Late filing fee:** $100  
**UBE Fee:** $300  
**Montana Law Seminar Fee:** $150

Grading and Results

MEE and MPT answers will be graded on a scale of zero to six, with six being the highest qualifying score and zero being the lowest possible score. All scores will be converted to the 400 UBE point scale and combined with the MBE scaled scores. MEE and MPT scores are scaled to the MBE, with the MBE weighted 50%, the MEE 30%, and the MPT 20%. Results will be released in mid-April for the February exam and mid-September for the July exam. A score of at least 270 is required for passing.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Montana has no admission on motion. Attorney applicants face same exam requirements as non-attorneys.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Accepts previous scaled score if at least 270 or higher earned within three years from the date of application.