New Jersey Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The New Jersey Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

Day 1: Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam (worth 50%).
Day 2: Seven essay questions testing primarily MBE subjects and NJ Civil Procedure (worth 50%).

Subjects Tested

MBE Subjects
Constitutional Law, Contract/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts

New Jersey Essay Subjects
Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Federal Jurisdiction and Civil Procedure, NJ Civil Procedure, Real Property, Sales (Article 2 of the UCC), Torts

MPRE
A scaled score of 75 on the MPRE or a grade of “C” or better in a Professional Responsibility course in law school is required for admission. Visit www.ncbex.org for information on MPRE dates, filing deadlines and application fees.
Bar Exam Dates

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

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

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be POSTMARKED between September 1st and November 30th for the February exam, and between February 1st and April 30th for the July exam.

Exam fee: “Rolling fee” increasing from $575 to $1,100 depending upon date of application (plus $57.50 fee for fingerprints) – fees are subject to change. - See http://www.barbri.com/states/new-jersey/bar-exam/#sthash.NVqPiB5Q.dpuf

Grading and Results

Scores on both sections are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 272 or above. Essay questions are graded on a 7-point (0-1-2-3-4-5-6) standard. These grades are converted to a scale that equates to the MBE. The two bar examination components will be weighted for grading as follows: MBE 50% and Essay Exam 50%. No minimum passing score required on either section. Results are generally released in mid-May for the February exam and mid-November for the July exam.

Reciprocity

Admission on Motion
Examination required of all applicants except qualified New Jersey law school professors.

Acceptance of MBE Score
Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score from a concurrent exam only.

CLE
Mandatory CLE is required for every active New Jersey attorney. Visit njicle.com for additional information.