North Dakota Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The North Dakota Bar Exam is a 2-day Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).

**Day 1:** Six 30-minute Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) 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.

**Multistate Essay Exam Subjects:** Business Associations (Agency and Partnership, Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts (including Article 2 and Revised Article 1 of the UCC), Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Real Property, Torts, Trusts and Estates (Decedents’ Estates, Trusts and Future Interests) and Uniform Commercial Code (Secured Transactions)

**Multistate Performance Test**
“Closed universe” practical questions using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

**MPRE**
A scaled score of 85 on the MPRE achieved within five years of filing an application.

Bar Exam Dates

The North Dakota Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24 (Requires at least 10 applicants)
**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Registration of law students is required. A law student registration application must be filed by October 1 of the student’s second year of law school or within 14 months after the student’s first day of the first year of law school. Applications filed after these deadlines shall be permitted upon payment of a late law student registration filing fee, however the law student registration application is appropriate only up until January 1 of the third year of law school. If later, you must refer to the bar exam application. Applications for the February exam are dependent on 10 or more applicants. Applications for the February exam must be postmarked by December 1. Applications postmarked after December 1, but by January 1 shall be permitted upon payment of a late fee. Applications for the July exam must be postmarked by March 15. Applications postmarked after March 15, but by June 1 shall be permitted upon payment of a late fee. Fees paid for the July exam are not refundable.

Grading and Results

MBE, MEE and MPT scores are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score. The three tests are weighed as follows: MBE 50%, MPT 20%, and MEE 30%. An applicant must earn a final total scaled score of at least 260 to pass the examination. Results are generally released seven weeks after the exam.

Reciprocity

Acceptance of UBE or MBE Score
Individuals may be eligible to apply for admission based on: MBE scaled score of 150 or above within the last two years of the date of the examination in the jurisdiction of admission, OR UBE scaled score of 260 or above within the last two years of the date of the examination.

Reciprocity Based on Practice
Individuals may be eligible to apply for admission based on five years' membership in the bar of another jurisdiction and engagement in an activity demonstrating competency in the practice of law for four of the last five years.