Ohio Bar Exam Information
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BAR EXAM FORMAT

The Ohio bar exam is a 2 1/2 -day exam.
Day 1: Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and six essay questions.
Day 2: Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam.
Day 3: Six essay questions.

SUBJECTS TESTED

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

Ohio Essay Subjects:
Business Associations (Agency, Corporations, Partnerships), Civil Procedure, Commercial
Transactions (Commercial Paper and Secured Transactions), Legal Ethics, Personal Property,
Wills, plus all MBE subjects

Multistate Performance Test:
“Closed universe” practical examination providing instructions, facts, cases, statutes and other
reference material supplied by examiners.

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

BAR EXAM DATES

Winter 2016: February 23 - 25
Spring 2016: July 26 - 28
FILING DEADLINES AND FEES

Applicant must file both an Application to Register and an Application to Take the Bar Exam. Application to register must be filed by November 15 of second year of law school. Application to Take the Bar Exam must be filed by April 1 for the July exam and November 1 for the February exam ($356 fee). For admission without examination, $1,500 plus a fee for NCBE character report.

GRADING AND RESULTS

MBE is weighted 1/3 of an examinee’s total score and the written portion (essays and MPT) is weighted 2/3 of an examinee’s total score. A total score of 405 is required to pass. Results are generally released in early May for the February exam and late October for the July exam.

RECIPROCITY

Acceptance of MBE Score
Ohio does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

Admission on Motion
May apply for admission without exam. Must meet general admission requirements, be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school, have passed a bar exam and been admitted in another jurisdiction, have actively practiced outside of Ohio on a full time basis for five of last 10 years, intend to actively practice in Ohio, have not failed the Ohio bar exam. Contact Admissions Office for complete rules.