Rhode Island Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Rhode Island bar exam is a two-day exam.

**Day 1:** One Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question, three Rhode Island essay questions and six MEE 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

**MEE/RI Essay Subjects:**
Agency, Conflict of Laws, Commercial Paper, Corporations, Creditors’ Rights, Domestic Relations, Equity, Federal Jurisdiction, Partnerships, RI Practice and Procedure, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts, Wills, plus all MBE subjects

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

**MPRE:**
A scaled score of 80 on the MPRE is required for admission before taking the bar exam. The MPRE score is valid for two years.

Bar Exam Dates

**2016 Winter:** February 23 – 24
2016 Summer: July 26 – 27

FILING DEADLINES AND FEES

Application must be filed by December 1 for the February exam and by May 1 for the July exam. No late applications accepted. Exam fee: $600 (non-attorneys), $1,075 (attorneys)

GRADING AND RESULTS

A scaled score of 130 on the MBE is required to pass. The scaled scores of the MBE, MPT and essays are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 276. Results are generally released in mid-May for February exam and mid-October for July exam.

RECIROCITY

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

Admission on Motion
Rhode Island does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants. If an attorney has practiced five out of the 10 years immediately preceding application, only the Rhode Island essay exam and MPT portion of the exam is required. (This format requires a scaled score of 138 to pass.)

MISCELLANEOUS

Applicants must complete a one-day "Bridge the Gap" program offered by the Rhode Island Bar for admission. Ten CLE credits, including two Ethics credits, are required. Commencing the second July 1 after the attorney is admitted. Attorneys admitted for three years or more in another jurisdiction at the time they are admitted to the RI Bar are exempt from the Bridge the Gap requirement.