South Carolina Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The South Carolina bar exam is a three-day exam.

**Days 1 and 2:** Essay questions testing on six subject areas. The topics tested within each subject area vary with each administration of the exam.

**Day 3:** 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

**South Carolina Essay Subjects:** Business Law, Civil Procedure, Commercial Law, Domestic Relations, Equity, Insurance, Wills, Trusts and Estates

**MPRE:** A scaled score of 77 on the MPRE achieved no more than four years from date of application is required for admission.

Bar Exam Dates:

**2016 Winter:** February 22 – 24
**2016 Summer:** July 25 - 27

FILING DEADLINES AND FEES

The filing period for the July exam is December 1 until January 31, and the filing period for the February exam is August 1 until September 30. The application fee varies as shown below:
**Filing Fee:**
$700 for February applications filed between August 1 to 31, July applications filed between December 1 to January 10

**Filing Fee:**
$1,050 for February applications filed between September 1 to 30, July applications filed between January 11 to 31. Additionally, an applicant who has been admitted in another state or the District of Columbia for one year or more must file one additional copy of the application along with an additional fee of $800. A portion of this fee will be used to obtain a character report from the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

**GRADING AND RESULTS**

The MBE accounts for one of seven parts of the exam. The essays account for the remaining six parts. Applicant must pass six of seven parts to pass entire exam. The minimum MBE scaled score required is 125. Minimum passing score on the essays is 70. A scaled MBE score of 110 or less is an automatic failure. Results are generally released in late April for February exam and late October for July exam.

**RECIROCITY**

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

**Admission on Motion**
South Carolina does not provide for admission on motion. In narrow situations, a special application may be made by a dean or tenured professor of the University of South Carolina. Contact the Supreme Court of South Carolina for more information. Otherwise, exam required of all applicants.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

All applicants required to complete an approved “Bridge the Gap” program prior to admissions. More information can be found online at www.scbar.org/cleor by calling (803) 771-0333 or (800) 768-7787.