Tennessee Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

Tennessee bar exam is a two-day exam.

**Day 1:** Nine essay questions and one Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question.

**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

**Tennessee Essay Subjects:**
Agency, Civil Procedure (State and Federal), Commercial Paper and Bulk Transfers, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Domestic Relations or Personal Status, Partnerships, Personal Property, Professional Responsibility, Restitution and Remedies, Sales, Secured Transactions, State Constitutional Law, Wills and Estates, 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:**
Applicant must achieve a passing score of 75 or higher on the MPRE within 2 years of successfully completing the Tennessee bar examination, provided, however, that an applicant who is licensed by examination in one or more jurisdictions and in good standing in such jurisdictions, may submit certified proof of a passing MPRE score of 75 or higher that is more than two years prior to a successful Tennessee bar examination. (Amended at the July, 2014, Board meeting and approved by the Supreme Court September 26, 2014).

Bar Exam Dates:


2016 Winter: February 23 – 24  
2016 Summer: July 27 – 28

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Timely applications for the exam must be filed by November 15 for the February exam and by April 15 for the July exam. Will be accepted late until January 10th 2016 for the winter exams and June 10th for the summer exams for an additional $100 fee.

Exam fee:
$450 plus current fees charged by National Conference of Bar Examiners for character and fitness application

Re-take fee:
$300

Miscellaneous Fees:

- Returned Check Fee: $30
- Copy Fee: $15
- Archive Fee: $30
- Reissue License: $25

The TNBLE (Tennessee Board of Law Examiners) is unable to accept credit card payments. Application fees may be paid by check or money order and mailed to our office or paid in person by check, money order, or cash. Regardless of method of payment, exam fees must be received by closing on the appropriate deadline.

GRADING AND RESULTS

The written portion is scaled to the MBE to determine if the applicant has achieved a passing score. A total score of 270 or higher is required to pass. Results are generally released in mid-April for February exam and mid-October for July exam. Essay questions count for 37.5%, the MPT counts for 12.5% and the MBE counts for 50%.

RECIPROCITY

Admission on Motion
May be admitted from other states after having actively practiced in the jurisdiction in which previously licensed for five of the last seven years. Must have a present intent to actively practice law in Tennessee and be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. Contact the Board of Law Examiners for fee schedule.