Texas Bar Exam Information
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The Texas bar exam is a 21/2-day exam.

Day 1: One 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question and a 90-minute Procedure and Evidence (P&E) exam consisting of 20 Criminal and 20 Civil P&E questions.

Day 2: Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam. Day 3: Twelve essay questions.

SUBJECTS TESTED

Multistate Performance Test (Day 1)
“Closed universe” practical question using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Short Answer/Objective Subjects (Day 1)
Texas Civil Procedure and Evidence, including Jurisdiction, and Federal and Texas Criminal Procedure and Evidence.

MBE Subjects (Day 2)
Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts

Texas Essay Subjects (Day 3)
Bankruptcy*, Business Associations (Agency, Corporations, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies, Professional Associations), Consumer Rights (including DTPA and Insurance), Family Law, Real Property (including Oil and Gas), Taxation (Income, Estate, Gift)*, Trusts and Guardianships, Uniform Commercial Code, Wills and Estate Administration

*Cross-over topics

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

Bar Exam Dates:
The Texas Bar Examination shall be given two times each year, beginning on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday of the months of February and July, unless the Board otherwise directs.

**2016 Winter:** February 23, 24, 25  
**2016 Summer:** July 26, 27, 28

**FILING DEADLINES AND FEES**

Law students attending a Texas law school must file a Declaration of Intent to Study Law according to the following deadlines: fall entrants by October 1, spring entrants by May 1, summer entrants by September 15.

**Declaration fee:** $190  
For the February exam, an application is timely filed if received between June 30 and August 30 of year preceding exam. For the July exam, an application is timely filed if received between the preceding November 30 and January 30.

The following categories of applicants must submit the following application fees payable to the Board of Law Examiners:

- In-state law students: $320  
- Out-of-state law students: $435  
- Attorneys licensed elsewhere: $1,040  
- Attorneys for admission without exam: $890  
- Re-application: $320  
- Attorneys licensed in a foreign nation: $1,140  
- Concurrent Texas Bar Exam and Foreign Legal Consultant Applications: $1,290

**GRADING AND RESULTS**

MBE (weighted 40%), essay (weighted 40%), MPT (weighted 10%) and Procedure and Evidence exam (weighted 10%) are combined. A passing score requires a minimum of 675 scaled points out of 1,000. Applicants must pass exam in its entirety. Results are generally released in early May for February exam and early November for July exam.

**RECIPROCITY**

**Acceptance of MBE Score**
Texas does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.
Admission without Examination
May be admitted without exam if actively engaged in the practice of law for at least five of seven years immediately preceding application, have a J.D. from an ABA accredited law school, have a valid active license and have been a member in good standing at all times.