West Virginia Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The West Virginia bar exam is a two-day exam.

**Day 1:** Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and six Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions.

**Day 2:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam.

SUBJECTS TESTED

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

**MEE Essay Subjects**
Business Associations (Agency and Partnership, Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts (including Article 2 and Revised Article 1of the UCC), Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Real Property, Torts, Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates, Trusts and Future Interests) and Uniform Commercial Code (Secured Transactions)

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

**MPRE**
A scaled score of 80 on the MPRE within 25 months of successful completion of bar examination.

Bar Exam Dates
The West Virginia Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

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

**FILING DEADLINES AND FEES**

Applications should be filed by November 1 for the February exam and by April 1 for the July exam.

Applications accepted (with late fee of $200) until the final deadline of December 1 for the February exam and accepted (with late fee of $200) until the final deadline of May 1 for the July exam.

The bar exam application fee for those admitted less than one year or not admitted in any jurisdiction is $400.

Application packet fee: $40  
Student application filing fee: $400  
NCBE Character Report fee (mandatory background check): $275  
Attorney application fee: $600  
Reciprocity application fee: $1,000

**GRADING AND RESULTS**

All answers to the MPT and the MEE will be graded and the scores combined. The total MPT/MEE raw score will be scaled and combined with the MBE scaled score to determine if an applicant has achieved a passing score of 270. Results are released approximately 6-8 weeks after the exam.

**RECIPROCITY**

Acceptance of MBE Score Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score from a previous successful exam taken within 13 months of present exam.

**Admission on Motion**

May be admitted without exam from jurisdictions with admission standards substantially equivalent to those of West Virginia. Applicant must have practiced for five of the seven years immediately preceding application, passed MPRE and be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Applicant must complete all graduation requirements prior to sitting for exam.