The Wisconsin bar exam is a two-day exam.

**Day 1:** Most recently consisted of eight essay questions drawn from the subjects listed under “Subjects Tested” and one 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question. Questions may be designed to incorporate more than one subject area.

**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

**Wisconsin Essay Subjects**
Business Organizations (Corporations, Partnerships, Associations and Sole Proprietorships), Civil Procedure (Pleading and Practice, and Jurisdiction of Courts), Commercial Law (includes Sales, Secured Transactions, and Negotiable Instruments), Constitutional Law (Federal), Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law (Domestic Relations), Professional Responsibility, Property, Taxation (Federal), Torts, Trusts and Estates

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

**MPRE**
Not required. For information on MPRE review classes given in Wisconsin, please contact the BARBRI office in Novi, Michigan, at (800) 937-2778.

**Bar Exam Dates**
The Wisconsin Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.
2010 Summer: July 26 - 27

Mandatory Examination Registration
2016 Winter Exam: February 22, 2016 from 1:00-4:00pm. An orientation program will be conducted at 4:00pm.
2016 Summer Exam: Monday, July 25, 2016 from 1:00-4:00pm. An orientation program will be conducted at 4:00pm.
Location for Examination Sites: Marriott Madison West, 1313 John Q. Hammons Dr. Middleton, Wisconsin

FILING DEADLINES AND FEES

Early December for the February exam. Early May for the July exam. Please review Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners’ website for additional information regarding late filing deadlines and fees charged.

- Late applications: Accepted for one month with $200 late fee.
- Total Exam Fee: $450
- Admission on Motion: $850

GRADING AND RESULTS

A combined scaled score of 258 is required to pass. The scaled score may be achieved through any combination of scores on either portion of the exam (e.g., 120 scaled essay score + 138 scaled MBE score = 258). Tentative exam results release dates are early April for February exam and early September for July exam.

RECIROCITY

Acceptance of MBE
Score Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score of 135 or higher achieved on exam taken within 37 months of present exam and part of successful exam.

Admission on Proof of Practice
The applicant who applies for admission to the practice of law in Wisconsin must show they have been substantially engaged in the practice of law in a state or territory, the federal government or the District of Columbia for three years within the last five years prior to filing application for admission. A lawyer may satisfy this requirement by proof of practice in more than a single jurisdiction and under more than one provision of this rule.

MISCELLANEOUS

Applicant may take exam prior to graduation if degree received within 60 days after exam.