Alaska Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Alaska Bar Exam is a 2 1/2 day exam.

Day 1 and 3: nine essay questions (1 1/2 days) including three one-hour questions that require substantial legal analysis, six short essays that emphasize substantive law, and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) problems.

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

Subjects Tested

MBE Subjects
Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts

Alaska Essay Subjects
AK Constitutional Law, AK Contracts/Sales, AK Criminal Law/Procedures, AK Evidence, AK Property, AK Torts, Business Organizations (Corporations, Partnerships, Business Associations), Civil Procedure, Family Law. In addition, and if applicable, Remedies may be tested as part of each of the topics listed above.

Multistate Performance Test
"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.
Bar Exam Dates

Anchorage
Fairbanks
Junea


Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be postmarked by December 1st for the February exam and by May 2nd for the July exam.

Late filing is allowed until January 17th and June 15th respectively.

Exam fee: $800.
Late filing exam fee December 15th/May 16th $825; January 17th/June 15th $900

Bar Exam Filing Advice

Take Appropriate Steps To Ensure Timely Delivery: Your application is one of thousands that will be sent to the same office address. Use Certified Mail with Return Receipt Requested or other appropriate verifiable means (e.g., FedEx, UPS) when sending all correspondence to the bar examiners so that you have proof regarding when your application was postmarked, when it arrived and who received it. Check with the state bar examiner’s office before sending your application regarding what types of delivery they will accept.

Payment: Application fees are generally non-refundable. Verify acceptable forms of payment with your state (i.e., no personal checks). If you apply to take the bar exam, pay all fees and subsequently withdraw, you must contact the Bar Examiners. You may have to submit a new application, a new filing fee and new copies of related documents in order to sit for the exam at a future date.

Employment History: Many states’ bar applications require information regarding your past employment since the age of 18 (i.e., name and address of employer, reason for leaving). Begin compiling a list of employers and their current addresses so that you have this information for your application.

Character References: Many states’ bar applications require a list of persons who can attest to your good character. Begin compiling a list of non-relatives who have known you for at least two (2) years who can vouch for your integrity.

Driver Abstracts: Some bar applications require you to produce a Driver’s Abstract from all states in which you were licenced to drive. Contact the Division of Motor Vehicles in each state and request the most complete abstract of your driving record that is available.

Fingerprints: In some states you must submit your fingerprints on a special card with your exam application. Have your fingerprints rolled by a professional law enforcement officer onto the forms provided by the bar examiners.
Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion**
Alaska has an admission without examination rule, with reciprocity provisions, for attorney applicants. Following is the most current list of jurisdictions that allow admission without examination: AL, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DC, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI.