California Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The California Bar Exam is a 3-day exam.

**Day 1:** Three 1-hour essays and one 3-hour Performance Test.
**Day 2:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200 question, multiple-choice exam.

**Day 3:** Three 1-hour essays and one 3-hour Performance Test.

Subjects Tested

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

**California Essay Subjects:** CA Civil Procedure, California Professional Responsibility, California Community Property, Agency & Partnerships, Corporations, Contracts/Sales, California Wills & Succession, California Evidence, Remedies, Trusts, plus all MBE subjects.

**Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

The California Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in February and July.

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 25
**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 29
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by November 12th for the February exam, and by April 1st for the July exam. Late applications are accepted with $150 additional fee until January 15th for the February exam and June 15th for the July exam.

**Exam fee:** $500

Grading and Results

The PT will be weighted 26% of the total exam score. The essays are weighted 39% of the total exam score and the MBE's are weighted 35% of the total exam score. The PT will be combined with scores from the essay questions, scaled to the MBE and combined with the score of the MBE to determine successful applicants. Results are generally released in early-May for the February exam and mid-November for the July exam.