Colorado Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format
The Colorado Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

Day 1: Eight essay questions and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.
   The essays are from the MEE and may cover MBE topics as well as non-MBE.

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

Colorado Essay (MEE) Subjects*
Agency, Federal Jurisdiction and Civil Procedure, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws (beginning in July 2010),
Corporations, Partnerships, Secured Transactions, Family Law, Wills, Estates & Trusts, plus all MBE subjects.

   -Note, Colorado does NOT test UCC Article 2A.

Multistate Performance Test
"Closed Universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material
supplied by examiners.
*NOTE: The essay subjects tested have changed, beginning with the July 2009 administration of the Colorado bar exam. All aspects of our course will be adapted to the changes. Beware of obsolete information from other sources.

Bar Exam Dates

Denver:

**February 23 and 24, 2010**

specific location within Denver not yet announced.

**July 27 and 28, 2010**

specific location within Denver not yet announced.

Colorado only administers the bar exam in one location, Denver.

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Application must be filed by December 1st for the February exam and by May 1st for the July exam. Late applications allowed only until December 31st/ May 31st (late fee $200).

Exam fee: $475*
Attorney exam fee: $500*
Admission on motion: $800

* If you wish to use a laptop for the written portion of the exam, add $100 to the examination fee.

Grading and Results

The MBE is weighted 50% of total score, the essay/MPT questions combine for the other 50% of total score (the essays are approximately 30% and the MPT is approximately 20%). The MBE, essay and MPT scaled scores are added together to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 276. (The 276 is a SCALED score, based on a total available RAW score of 400). Results are generally released in late April for February exam and late September / early October for July exam.

Reciprocity

Admission on Motion

Applicant must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school, must be admitted in a state (or combination of states) which allows Colorado attorneys to be admitted on motion, must have actively practiced law in that state (or combination of states), and must have practiced law for 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application.
Foreign Law School Graduates
Permission may be requested to sit for the exam based on a non-U.S. legal education if applicant’s law school was in an English speaking common law country, applicant is admitted in the country from which he/she graduated, and applicant has practiced for five of the preceding seven years.

Acceptance of MBE Score
Colorado does not accept the transfer of any MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction. This means that an applicant must be present in Colorado for the administration of the MBE. Colorado will transfer an MBE score TO another jurisdiction, upon request.