District of Columbia Bar Exam Information

District of Columbia Committee on Admissions

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Bar Exam Format

The District of Columbia Bar Exam is a 2-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/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts.


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

Additional information about the MBE, MEE and MPT is available on [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org).

The DC Board of Bar Examiners selects six (6) essay questions from a pool of nine (9) MEE questions to use as its essay exam.

Bar Exam Dates

The District of Columbia Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

**2011 Winter**: February 22 - 23

**2011 Summer**: July 26 - 27
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by **December 15th** for the February exam and by **May 3rd** for the July exam.

Exam Filing Fee: $100

Plus: MBE Fee: $54

Plus: MEE Fee: $40

Plus: NCBE Character Report: $225

**Late applications** may be filed within 15 days from the December and May closing dates.

Late fee: $200

All fees are payable by certified check, cashier's check or money orders.

Grading and Results

The MBE is weighted 50% and the MEE and MPT are weighted 25% each. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and mid-October for the July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant who has been a member of another bar and in good standing for 5 years immediately preceding application may be admitted without motion.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** An applicant may be admitted without exam if applicant received a scaled MBE score of 133 or higher on an exam upon which applicant was admitted in another jurisdiction, achieved a scaled score of 75 or better on MPRE, and has a JD from an ABA accredited law school.

An applicant who received an MBE scaled score of 133 or higher on a prior MBE (taken within 25 months of the present exam) may waive in the MBE score and take only the essay exam. An essay score of 133 will then be required to pass the DC Bar Exam.

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