Delaware Bar Exam Information

Board of Law Examiners of Supreme Court of Delaware

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Bar Exam Format

The Delaware Bar Examination is a three day exam, consisting of two Multistate Performance Tests (MPT), eight essay questions and the Multistate Bar Examination.

Day 1 and Day 2: Two 90-minute MPT questions and eight essay questions.
Day 3: 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.

**Essay Subjects:**
- Agency
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Corporations
- Criminal Law (including the Delaware Criminal Code)
- Equity
- Evidence
- Partnerships
- Property
- Torts
- Trusts
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Wills

and Procedure in the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, the Superior Court of the State of Delaware (Civil and Criminal), the Family Court of the State of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the original and appellate jurisdiction of the courts of Delaware
Bar Exam Dates

The Delaware Bar Exam is administered on the last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in July.

The dates for the 2010 exam are **July 26-27-28**.

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications should be filed by March 15 with a non-refundable application fee of $500. However, applications will be accepted until April 15 with a non-refundable application fee of $600. No applications will be accepted after April 15. Applications are obtained by sending a written notice of intent to take the bar exam to:

Board of Bar Examiners  
State of Delaware  
820 N. French Street, 11th Floor  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
(302) 577-7038  
Website: http://courts.delaware.gov/bbe/

Grading and Results

An applicant shall be deemed to have passed the Delaware Bar Examination if, in a single administration of that Examination, the applicant achieves a “total scale score” of 145.00 or higher.

“Total scale scores” are computed as follows: (a) the raw scores on each of the eight essay questions are converted to a score distribution that has a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 7, (b) the raw scores on each of the two MPT questions are converted to a score distribution that has a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 14, (c) a given applicant’s “total converted score” is the sum of that applicant’s converted essay and converted MPT scores, (d) the distribution of the “total converted scores” is scaled to the MBE to yield a “total written scale score,” (e) the applicant’s “total written scale score” is combined with that applicant’s MBE scale score (with the written score weighted at 60% and the MBE score weighted at 40%) to produce a “total scale score.” The term “scaled to the MBE” as used herein means that the distribution of “total scale scores” is scaled to a distribution that has the same mean and standard deviation as the MBE scale scores in Delaware.

Results are generally released in early-October.

Reciprocity

**Reciprocity**  
Delaware does not have reciprocity of any kind with any other state. To be admitted to the Delaware Bar, an applicant must take the exam, including the MBE, in Delaware. MBE results secured in conjunction with the administration of the bar examination in another state are not accepted.
Requirements for admission to the Delaware Bar
An applicant must have graduated from an ABA approved law school. Applications must be filed timely and approved by the Board to sit for the exam. A weighted combined score of 145 is required on the essays and MBE. An applicant must also pass the MPRE (taken separately from the July examination) with a scaled score of 85. Applicants must also complete a clerkship requirement and attend the two-day Pre-Admission Conference before admission.