Hawaii Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Hawaii Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

**Day 1**: four-hour morning session and a three-hour afternoon session. In the morning, examinees are required to answer seven Multi-state Essay Exam (MEE) questions and a quiz on the Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct (HRPC). In the afternoon, examinees are required to answer two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) 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 problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

The Hawaii Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

**2010 Winter**: February 23 - 24
**2010 Summer**: July 27 - 28
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Application must be filed at least 90 days prior to exam. No late filing allowed.

**Exam fee:** $300 plus cost of NCBE character report.

Grading and Results

MBE (weighted 1/2) and essay scores (weighted 1/2) are combined for overall passing score. Grading policies are determined by the Committee of Bar Examiners and specific inquiries concerning grading should be addressed to the Supreme Court Clerk’s Office. Results are generally released in early May for February exam and early October for July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Hawaii does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Hawaii does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.