Idaho Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Idaho Bar Exam is a 2 day exam (50% Written, 50% MBE).

Day 1 consists of 6 MEE essays and 1 Idaho drafted essay (30 minutes each) in the morning, and 2 MPT (90 minutes each) in the afternoon.
Day 2 consists of the 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.


Idaho Essay Subject: Community Property

Multistate Performance Test: "Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.
Bar Exam Dates

The Idaho 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

Application must be filed by October 1 for February exam and March 1 for July exam. Late applications permitted with additional fees until November 15 for February exam and April 15 for July exam.

- **Application packet fee:** $10
- **Student applicant fee:** $500
- **Attorney applicant fee:** $690

Grading and Results

MBE (weighted 1/2) and written scores (weighted 1/2) are combined for an overall passing score (70% required). Results are generally released in early April for February exam and early September for July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Attorneys licensed in states that allow Idaho applicants admission through reciprocity may be eligible for reciprocity in Idaho. Examination is required of all other applicants. Attorneys who have actively practiced 5 of 7 years preceding application are not required to take the MBE.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicants may transfer a previous MBE scaled score from another jurisdiction if taken within 37 months of the date of the exam. (Board recommends transferred score be at least a scaled score of 140)