Kansas Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Kansas Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

**Day 1:** Kansas Essay Exam consisting of 16 essays drafted by the Kansas Board of Bar Examiners. Eight questions are administered in the morning and eight in the afternoon; each session is three hours in length.

**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.

**Kansas Essay Subjects:** Personal Property, Domestic Relations and Family Law, Noncorporate Business Organizations, Agency and Employment, UCC and Commercial Transactions, Legal Ethics, Contracts, Corporations, Real Property, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Kansas and Federal Civil Procedure, Torts, Wills, Trusts and Administration, Conflict of Laws, and Evidence

Bar Exam Dates

The Kansas 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 received by October 15th for the February exam, and by March 15th for the July exam. Late applications are accepted with a $200 additional fee until November 15th for the February exam and April 15th for the July exam.

**Exam fee:** $400

Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing combined scaled score of 133.0 or higher. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and mid-September for July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted without an exam if licensed in at least one jurisdiction that permits mutuality of admission without examination for members of the Kansas Bar; may not have previously failed a written Kansas Bar Examinations; meets the requirements of Kansas Rules 708 & 709; must have never received professional discipline nor currently be the subject of a pending disciplinary investigation in any other jurisdiction; must be of good moral character and mentally emotionally fit to engage in the practice of law; must have been actively engaged in the practice of law for 5 of the 7 years immediately preceding the date of application.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicants may transfer MBE scaled score of 120 or higher from another jurisdiction if from a concurrent exam or received within 13 months prior to the current exam, provided that the applicant passed the entire exam in one sitting in the transferring jurisdiction.