Kentucky Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Kentucky Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1**: Six essay questions drafted by the Kentucky examiners and the six question Multistate Essay Exam (MEE)

**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.


Bar Exam Dates

The Kentucky 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

To obtain an application, you may access the website at www.kyoba.org or send a written request to the Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions along with a check for $10.00 to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

Applications must be filed by October 1st for the February exam and February 1st for the July exam. The application fee is $625.00. Late applications are accepted with a late fee. The late deadlines for the
February exam are November 10th with an additional $200 late fee and December 10th with an additional $400 late fee. The late deadlines for the July exam are March 10th with an additional $200 late fee and May 10th with an additional $400 late fee.

Attorney Application Fee: $675

Admission without exam fee: $1200

Grading and Results

Applicant must achieve scaled score of 132 on MBE to pass and 75% of the possible points on the essay section. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and mid-October for the July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from Kentucky without exam. Must have practiced 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application. Must have qualifications (at time of original admission) sufficient to allow exam in Kentucky. Must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. MPRE required prior to admission.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Will accept MBE scaled score of 132 of higher received within the previous three years.