Massachusetts Bar Exam Information

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners

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Bar Exam Format

The Massachusetts Bar Exam is a two day exam.
**Day 1:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam.
**Day 2:** Ten essay questions.

Subjects Tested

**MBE Subjects**
Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts

**MA Essay Subjects**

Bar Exam Dates

The MA Bar Exam is administered on the last Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.

**2010 Winter:** February 24-25
**2010 Summer:** July 28-29

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applicants may apply to sit for the MA Bar Exam by filing an on-line application and by printing, completing and mailing a paper copy of the application. Applications must be filed with the:

Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County,
Clerk Maura S. Doyle's Office,

**UW Law School: Academic Enhancement Program (AEP)***

Source: www.barbri.com
John Adam Courthouse  
Suite 1300  
Boston, MA 02108-1707

July 2010 exam: RECEIPT deadline to be set by Court. See website. No extensions.

Exam fee: $815  
Admission on Motion: $1015

Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are combined in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 270. Results are generally released in May for February exam and November for July exam.

Reciprocity

Admission on Motion  
May be eligible on motion. Must have been admitted in another jurisdiction for 5 years and have engaged in the practice or teaching of law since prior admission; must meet educational requirements; and must have achieved a scale score of 85 on the MPRE.

Acceptance of MBE Score  
Applicants may transfer actual raw MBE score from another jurisdiction only if from a concurrent exam.