Maine Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Maine Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

Day 1: Morning session with four 45 minute essay questions; afternoon session with two 45 minute essay questions and one 90 minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question.

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

Maine Essay Subjects

Multistate Performance Test
"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

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

2010 Summer: July 27 - 28
Filing Fees and Deadlines

**Feb. 2010 exam:** RECEIVED by Dec. 20 (timely) or by Jan. 3 (with late fees).
**July 2010 exam:** RECEIVED by May 20 (timely) or by June 3 (with late fees).

**Exam fee:** $450-750

Grading and Results

The score is comprised of 4/11 from the MBE score and 7/11 from the converted score from Day 1. A passing score is a scaled score of 138. Results are released within 75 days after the exam.

Reciprocity

**Modified Bar Examinations**

An applicant who (i) has been admitted by examination to practice in one or more jurisdiction and has been in the active practice of law for at least 3 of the preceding 5 years or (ii) has taken the MBE within the 61 months prior to the current exam, may elect to take only the first day of the examination (see Rule 10 (e)(1) of the Maine Bar Admission Rules). An applicant qualified under either (i) or (ii) and who has achieved a useable MBE scaled score may be admitted on the basis of a further modified written examination (see Rule 10 (e)(2)).