Minnesota Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Minnesota Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1**: One 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question and six essay questions.

**Day 2**: Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200 question, multiple-choice exam. Testing that the width of the text will wrap correctly on the website.

Subjects Tested

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


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

Bar Exam Dates

The Minnesota 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

Applications must be filed by October 15th for the February exam, and by March 15th for the July exam. Late applications are accepted with $150 additional fee until December 1st for the February exam.
Exam fee: $500

Grading and Results

The MPT will be weighted 12.5% of the total exam score. The MPT will be combined with scores from the essay questions, scaled to the MBE and combined with the score of the MBE to determine successful applicants. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and early-October for the July exam.

Reciprocity

Admission on Motion: An applicant may be admitted on motion if engaged in the practice of law for at least 5 of 7 years preceding admission or if received a scaled score of 145 or above on the MBE within 24 months of application. Applicants must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school.

Acceptance of MBE Score: An applicant may be admitted on the basis of an MBE scaled score received in the previous two years without further exam, provided that the applicant received a scaled score of 145 or higher on the MBE, was successful on the complete exam and was admitted in that jurisdiction. Applicants are also subject to the MPRE requirement.