Montana Bar Exam Information

Montana Bar Exam
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Bar Exam Format

The Montana Bar Exam is a 2 1/2-day exam.

**Day 1:** 4-60 minute MT essay questions, must answer all questions. There may be some cross over questions.

**Day 2:** Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) and Multistate Performance Test (MPT).

**Day 3:** 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.

**Montana Essay Subjects:** Agency; Business Organizations; Civil Procedure; Constitutional Law (Federal & State); Contracts; Criminal Law (Substantive & Procedural); Domestic Relations; Evidence; Income (Federal); Estates and Gift (Federal & State); Taxation; Professional Responsibility (including the Rules of Professional Responsibility and the norms of professional conduct); Real Property; Torts; Trust, Probate, & Wills, Guardianships, Conservatorships, and Estates; UCC as adopted in Montana (excluding Articles 5, 7 and 8); Workers Compensation.

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

Bar Exam Dates

The Montana Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by October 1st for February exam and by March 1st for July exam. No late filing allowed. Applicants must submit both an application fee and an exam fee.

**Application fee (student):** $150  
**Application fee (attorney):** $400

**Exam fees:**  
**Montana Essay:** $150  
**MEE:** $100  
**MPT:** $100  
**MBE:** $100

Grading and Results

MTEE, MEE and MPT answers will be graded on a scale of five, with five being the highest qualifying score and zero being the lowest possible score. All scores will be converted to the 200 MBE point scale and combined with the MBE scaled scores, the formula computing scores is 

\[ .25 \text{ (MTEE scaled score)} + .25 \text{ (MEE scaled score)} + .15 \text{ (MPT scaled score)} + .35 \text{ (MBE scaled score)} = \text{Total score}. \]

Applicants with a combined scaled score of 130 or higher will be deemed to have passed the Montana Bar Examination.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Montana has no admission on motion. Attorney applicants face same exam requirements as non-attorneys.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Accepts previous scaled score if at least 130 and from within three years.