North Carolina Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The North Carolina Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1**: 12 Essay Questions, 3-hour morning session and 3-hour afternoon session (six 30-minute questions per session).
**Day 2**: Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200 question, multiple-choice exam. 3-hour morning session and 3-hour afternoon session.

Subjects Tested


Bar Exam Dates

**Winter 2010/ Summer 2010 North Carolina Bar Exam Dates**

- **February 23-24, 2010** (the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February each year)
- **July 27-28, 2010** (the last Tuesday and Wednesday of July each year)
Winter 2011/ Summer 2011 North Carolina Bar Exam Dates

- **February 22-23, 2011** (the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February each year)
- **July 26-27, 2011** (the last Tuesday and Wednesday of July each year)

Filing Fees and Deadlines

**Deadlines:**

Applications must be filed and received by the Secretary at the office of the Board on or before the first Tuesday in January immediately proceeding the date of the July bar examination, and on or before the first Tuesday in October immediately preceding the date of the February bar examination.

**Exam fees:**

Applicant who is not licensed attorney - **$700.00**

Applicant who is or has been a licensed attorney - **$1,500.00**

Late Fee for an applicant filed after deadline - **$250.00**

Supplemental Applicant - **$400.00**

Grading and Results

The passing score is **346**. The MBE (weighted 40%) and the Essay (weighted 60%) scores are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score. Results are generally released in late March for February exam takers and late August for July exam takers.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An attorney may be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from North Carolina without exam. Applications must be filed with the Board not less than 6 months prior to consideration of application. Applicants must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school, have actively practiced law 4 of the 6 years immediately preceding the filing of the application, and have passed the MPRE. Admission on motion fee is $1500.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** North Carolina does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.