New York Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The New York Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Five NY essay questions (worth 40%), one Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question (worth 10%) and 50 NY multiple-choice questions (worth 10%).

- AM session (3 hours and 15 min.): 3 essays and 50 NY multiple choice questions.
- PM session (3 hours): 2 essays and one 90 minute MPT question

**Day 2:** MBE (worth 40%). 100 multiple choice questions each in the AM (3 hours) and PM (3 hours)

Subjects Tested

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

**New York Subjects**

**Multistate Performance Test (MPT)**
The MPT tests your ability to "think like a lawyer." The MPT, drafted by the *National Conference of Bar Examiners*, is a closed-universe writing assignment designed to parallel a realistic situation encountered by a new attorney (e.g., a client letter, a closing argument, a brief, etc.). BARBRI has been preparing students for this section of the bar since 1983.

New York uses one 90-minute Multistate Performance Test ("MPT"). Because the MPT does not test your
knowledge of the law, you will receive a "file" and a "library" containing all the information needed to complete the assignment. The "file" includes documents containing the facts of the case and a memorandum from a supervising attorney describing a task to be completed. The "library" contains cases, statutes, rules and regulations that may or may not be relevant to the problem. You must both decipher and apply appropriate authorities.

The BARBRI MPT Workbook contains both past and simulated MPT questions. The BARBRI MPT Workshop is included in your BARBRI course and is ONLY available for current BARBRI students. Separate enrollment is not required. The MPT Workshop provides you with the skills and techniques required to succeed on this section of the bar exam. You will be instructed on how to decipher the files and libraries presented, how to analyze the various types of problems and how to manage your time.

Bar Exam Dates

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

2011 Winter:  February 22 - 23

2011 Summer:  July 26 - 27

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed:

- between November 1 - November 30 for the February New York Bar Exam.
- between April 1 - April 30 for the July New York Bar Exam.

There is no provision for late filing.

Exam fee:  $250; $750 for Foreign Trained Attorneys

Grading and Results

Scores on all sections are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score.

Results are generally released in early May for the February exam and mid November for the July exam.

Reciprocity

Acceptance of MBE Score:

UW Law School: Academic Enhancement Program (AEP)  Source: www.barbri.com
Transferring Concurrent MBE Score

You may transfer an MBE score earned in another jurisdiction to New York from a bar examination which is administered concurrently (on the same day) that such examination is given in New York.

Admission on Motion:

May be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from New York without exam. Must have practiced 5 of the last 7 years and be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. For admission on motion, applications may be obtained from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in area of residence.