Rhode Island Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Rhode Island Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

**Day 1:** The local day consists of 1 Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question, 3 Rhode Island essay questions, and 6 Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions.

**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

**Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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

**Feb. 2010 exam**: POSTMARKED by Dec. 1. No extensions.  
**July 2010 exam**: POSTMARKED by May 1. No extensions.

**Exam fee**: $450

Grading and Results

A scaled score of 130 on the MBE is required to pass. The scaled scores of the MBE, MPT and essays are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 276. Results are generally released in mid-May for February exam and mid-October for July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion**
Rhode Island does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants. If an attorney has practiced 5 out of the 10 years immediately preceding application, only the Rhode Island essay exam and MPT portion of the exam is required. (This format requires a scaled score of 138 to pass.)

**Acceptance of MBE Score**
Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score from concurrent exam only.

**Miscellaneous**
Applicants must complete a training course offered by the Rhode Island Bar for admission.