South Carolina Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The South Carolina Bar Exam is a 3-day exam.

**Day 1 and 2:** Essay questions testing on six subject areas. The topics tested within each subject vary with each administration.

**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.

**South Carolina Essay Subjects:** Business Law, Civil Procedure, Commercial Law, Domestic Relations, Equity, Insurance, Wills, Trusts & Estates.

Bar Exam Dates

The South Carolina Bar Exam is administered on the last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

**2011 Winter:** February 21 - 23
**2011 Summer:** July 25 - 27
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by August 1st until September 30th for the February exam, and by December 1st until January 31st for the July exam.

**February Exam Fees:** Application filed from August 1 to August 31 - $400. Application filed September 1 to September 30 - $750.

**July Exam Fees:** Application filed from December 1 to January 10 - $400. Application filed January 11 to January 31 - $750.

**Attorney Applicants:** Applicable exam fee plus cost of NCBE character report of $500.

Grading and Results

The MBE accounts for 1 of 7 parts of the exam. The essays account for the remaining 6 parts. Applicant must pass 6 of the 7 parts to pass the entire exam. The minimum MBE scaled score required is 125. Minimum passing score on the essay is 70. A scaled MBE score of 110 or less is an automatic failure. Results are generally released in late April for the February exam and late October for the July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** South Carolina does not provide for admission on motion. In narrow situations, a special application may be made by a dean or tenured professor of the University of South Carolina. Contact the Supreme Court of South Carolina for more information. Otherwise, exam required of all applicants.

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