Texas Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Texas Bar Exam is a 2½ day exam.

**Day 1:** a 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question and a 90-minute Procedure/Evidence exam.

**Day 2:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a six-hour, 200-question multiple-choice exam.

**Day 3:** Twelve essay questions tested over six hours.

Subjects Tested

**Multistate Performance Test (day one)**
"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners

**Procedure & Evidence Exam: Short Answer/Objective Subjects (day one)**
Civil Procedure (including federal and state court jurisdiction, pleading and practice), Criminal Procedure, Evidence

**Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) Subjects (day two)**
Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts

**Texas Essay Subjects (day three)**
Bankruptcy,* Business Associations (agency, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, professional associations), Consumer Rights, Family Law, Real Property (including oil and gas), Taxation (income, estate, gift),* Trusts & Guardianships, UCC, Wills & Administration.

*Cross-over topics

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Bar Exam Dates

The Texas Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.

2010 Summer: July 27 - 29

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be timely filed by August 30 for the February exam, and by January 30 for the July exam. Late applications are accepted with $150 additional fee until October 30 for the February exam and March 30 for the July exam.

Exam fees:
The following categories of applicants must submit the following application fees payable to the Board of Law Examiners:
In-state law students: $300
Out-of-state law students: $415
Attorneys licensed elsewhere: $1040
Attorneys for admission without exam: $890
Attorneys licensed in a foreign nation: $1140

Grading and Results

MBE (weighted 40%), essay (weighted 40%), MPT (weighted 10%) and Procedure/Evidence exam (weighted 10%) are combined. A passing score requires a minimum of 675 whole scaled points out of 1,000. Applicants must pass exam in its entirety. Results are generally released in early May for February exam and early November for July exam.

Reciprocity

Admission on Motion
May be admitted without exam if actively engaged in the practice of law for at least 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application; have a JD from an ABA accredited law school; have a valid, active license and have been a member in good standing at all times.

Acceptance of MBE Score
Texas does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.