Utah Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Utah Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

Day 1: Two sessions each consisting of one 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) followed by four 30-minute essay questions. The essays can be taken from the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) or may be drafted by the Utah examiners.

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.

Essay Subjects: Administrative Law, Agency, civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Creditor/Debtor Rights, Estate Planning (including tax aspects), Ethics, Family Law, Partnerships, UCC (Articles 2, 3 and 9), Wills, Trusts & Future Interests plus all MBE 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 Utah Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

2010 Summer: July 27 - 28
Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications should be filed by October 1 for February exam and March 1 for July exam. May be filed up until 15 days after deadline with $100 late fee and up to 30 days after deadline with $300 late fee.

**Application Fee:** $25  
**Student applicant/not admitted in another jurisdiction:** $550  
**Attorney Applicant:** $850

Grading and Results

MBE and written scores are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing scaled score of 270. Results are generally released two months after the exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Utah may admit lawyers from other states of the U.S. under conditions substantially similar to the procedures under which Utah lawyers could be admitted to the bar of another state without taking that state's bar. Attorneys who have actively practiced 4 of 5 years preceding application are not required to take the MBE. For complete details contact the Utah State Bar.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Utah accepts an MBE score from a concurrent exam only.