Vermont Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Vermont Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

**Day 1:** two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and 4 essay 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

**Vermont Essay Subjects**
Administrative Law, Agency, Bankruptcy, Commercial Paper, Corporations, Equity, Family Law, Legal Ethics, Partnerships, Personal Property, Secured Transactions, Taxation, Trusts, VT Practice & Procedure, Wills, plus all MBE subjects

**Multistate Performance Test**
"Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

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

2010 Summer:  July 27 - 28
Filing Fees and Deadlines

**Feb. 2010 exam**: POSTMARKED by Dec. 1 (Late filing is allowed).
**July 2010 exam**: POSTMARKED by May 1 (Late filing is allowed).

Send a written request for an application accompanied by a check for $15 to the Board of Bar Examiners.

**Exam fee**: $240

Grading and Results

Applicant must receive a passing score on both parts of the exam. Applicant must achieve a scaled score of 135 on the MBE and either a raw score of 36 out of 60 or a scaled score of 135 on the essays. Results are released within 56 days after the exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion**
Applicant may be admitted without exam. Must have practiced 5 of 10 years (or reciprocal state’s time period if three years or more) immediately preceding application. Special rules for New Hampshire attorneys.

**Acceptance of MBE Score**
Effective 9/5/06, beginning with the February 2007 bar exam, applicants may transfer MBE scaled score of 135 or higher from another jurisdiction, provided that exam was taken within the previous four consecutive administrations.

**Miscellaneous**
Three month study with Vermont attorney required of most applicants. Applicant must complete all work required for graduation prior to sitting for exam.