West Virginia Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The West Virginia Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and six 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.


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

Bar Exam Dates

The West Virginia 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

Applications should be filed by November 1st for the February exam and by April 1st for the July exam. Applications accepted (with late fee of $150) until the final deadline of December 1st for February and May 1st for July.

Application packet fee: $40
Student application filing fee: $375
Attorney application fee: $500
Reciprocity application fee: $1,000

In addition to these fees, there is an NCBE Character Report fee.

Grading and Results

All answers to the MPT and the MEE will be graded and the scores combined. The total MPT/MEE raw score will be scaled and combined with the MBE scaled score to determine if an applicant has achieved a passing score of 270. Results are released approximately 6-8 weeks after the exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted without exam from jurisdictions with admission standards substantially equivalent to those of West Virginia. Applicant must have practiced for 5 of the 7 years immediately preceding application, passed MPRE and be a graduate of an ABA credited law school.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** An applicant may transfer MBE scaled score from a previous successful exam taken within the 13 months of present exam.