

South Dakota Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The South Dakota bar exam is a two-day exam. South Dakota has not adopted the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).

Day 1: Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions, Multistate Essay Exam (MEE), and one Indian Law question.

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

Subjects Tested

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

MEE: Business Associations (Agency and Partnership; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts (including Article 2 [Sales] of the Uniform Commercial Code), Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Real Property, Torts, Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates; Trusts and Future Interests), and Article 9 (Secured Transactions) of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Indian Law: Indian Law includes basic principles of federal Indian law, including but not limited to civil and criminal jurisdiction, the Indian Civil Rights Act, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. It does not include tribal laws or customary laws. Indian Law is tested by one essay question after the MEE

MBE: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts.

UW Law School: Academic Enhancement Program (AEP)

Sources: <http://www.ncbex.org/> and <http://www.ujs.sd.gov/uploads/barexaminers/RReg.pdf>

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