Iowa Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

The Iowa bar exam is a two-day exam consisting of the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).

Day 1: Six 30-minute Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.

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

Subjects Tested

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. Some questions may include issues in more than one area of law. The particular areas covered vary from exam to exam.

MPT: Factual analysis, legal analysis and reasoning, problem solving, identification and resolution of ethical dilemmas, written communication, and organization and management of a legal task.

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

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Bar Exam Dates:

http://www.ncbex.org/

Bar Exam Application Fees

http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/CompGuide2020_021820_Online_Final.pdf#page=44

Grading and Results:

http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/CompGuide2020_021820_Online_Final.pdf#page=48

Additional Information:

http://www.ncbex.org/publications/bar-admissions-guide/