

Pennsylvania Bar Exam Information

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Bar Exam Format

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

Day 1: Six essay questions developed by the Pennsylvania board and the Performance Test (PT) developed by the Pennsylvania board.

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

Subjects Tested

Pennsylvania Essay Subjects: Business Organizations (including corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and professional corporations), Civil Procedure (Pennsylvania and federal), Conflict of Laws, Contracts, Criminal Law (including related Pennsylvania and federal constitutional issues and DUI), Employment Discrimination (limited to Title VII, ADA and ADEA), Evidence (Pennsylvania and federal), Family Law, Federal Constitutional Law, Federal Income Taxes (personal only and limited to taxable and non-taxable income, deductions, proprietorships and capital transactions), Professional Responsibility, Real Property, Torts, U.C.C., Art. II – Sales, Wills, Trusts and Decedents' Estates (including related fiduciary responsibilities). Each essay question will usually include more than one subject area, however the subjects will not necessarily be tested in a particular order or appear in the same question number from one essay examination to the next.

Performance Test: The Performance Test (PT) is intended to test an applicant's ability to use basic skills that a lawyer should possess to perform a task that a newly admitted attorney would be expected to perform. The PT is designed to test an applicant's ability to perform the task that has been assigned using the factual information contained in a File and the legal principles that are provided in a Library.

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Sources: <http://www.ncbex.org/> and

http://www.pabarexam.org/bar_exam_information/testsubjects.htm

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

Please use the links below for information about the following topics:

Bar Exam Dates:

<http://www.ncbex.org/>

Bar Exam Application Fees

http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/CompGuide2020_021820_Online_Final.pdf#page=45

Grading and Results:

http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/CompGuide2020_021820_Online_Final.pdf#page=49

Additional Information:

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

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