

# 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:** Six Questions on the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE), Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions, and one Indian Law question.

**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.

**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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**Bar Exam Dates:**

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

**Bar Exam Application Fees**

[http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/CompGuide2020\\_021820\\_Online\\_Final.pdf#page=45](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](http://www.ncbex.org/assets/BarAdmissionGuide/CompGuide2020_021820_Online_Final.pdf#page=49)

**Additional Information:**

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