

# Massachusetts Bar Exam Information

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners

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## Bar Exam Format

The Massachusetts Bar Exam is a two day exam.

**Day 1:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam.

**Day 2:** Ten essay questions.

## Subjects Tested

### MBE Subjects

Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts

### MA Essay Subjects

Agency, Commercial Paper, Consumer Protection, Corporations, Domestic Relations, Federal Jurisdiction, Mortgages, MA Practice & Procedure, Partnerships, Professional Responsibility, Secured Transactions, Trusts, Wills, *plus* all MBE subjects

## Bar Exam Dates

The MA Bar Exam is administered on the last Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.

**2010 Winter:** February 24-25

**2010 Summer:** July 28-29

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applicants may apply to sit for the MA Bar Exam by filing an on-line application and by printing, completing and mailing a paper copy of the application. Applications must be filed with the:

Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County,  
Clerk Maura S. Doyle's Office,

**UW Law School: Academic Enhancement Program (AEP)**

**Source: [www.barbri.com](http://www.barbri.com)**

John Adam Courthouse  
Suite 1300  
Boston, MA 02108-1707

Feb. 2010 exam: RECEIVED by Dec. 11. No extensions.

July 2010 exam: RECEIPT deadline to be set by Court. See website. No extensions.

Exam fee: \$815

Admission on Motion: \$1015

#### Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are combined in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 270. Results are generally released in May for February exam and November for July exam.

#### Reciprocity

##### **Admission on Motion**

May be eligible on motion. Must have been admitted in another jurisdiction for 5 years and have engaged in the practice or teaching of law since prior admission; must meet educational requirements; and must have achieved a scale score of 85 on the MPRE.

##### **Acceptance of MBE Score**

Applicants may transfer actual raw MBE score from another jurisdiction only if from a concurrent exam.