

Maryland Bar Exam Information

Maryland Board of Law Examiners

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Bar Exam Format

The Maryland Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

Day 1: Ten essays plus one Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question.

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

Subjects Tested

MBE Subjects: Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts.

Maryland Essay Subjects: Agency, Commercial Transactions, Corporations, Family Law, MD Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Professional Responsibility, plus all MBE subjects. Candidates are expected to demonstrate their knowledge of Maryland law on the essay section of the Maryland Bar exam.

Multistate Performance Test: "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners. Additional information about the MPT is available at www.ncbex.org/pub.htm.

Bar Exam Dates

The Maryland Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

2011 Winter: February 22 - 23

2011 Summer: July 26 - 27

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applicant must complete **both** an application for admission and an original petition to take the bar exam.

- February 2011 Maryland Bar Exam
 - Application fee
 - \$250 if received by September 15, 2010
 - \$275 if received by December 20, 2010
 - Original Petition
 - \$250 filed concurrently with the application or no later than December 20, 2010

- July 2011 Maryland Bar Exam
 - Application fee
 - \$250 if received by January 16, 2011
 - \$275 if received by May 20, 2011
 - Original Petition
 - \$250 filed concurrently with the application or no later than May 20, 2010

Grading and Results

Each essay exam question is worth 6 points and the MPT Question is worth 12 points; total essay score is then scaled up to 200 points. The essay exam is weighted twice as much as the MBE. Thus, the total scaled score is the essay scaled score multiplied by two and added to the MBE scaled score. To pass, an applicant must achieve a total scaled score of 406 out of 600 points.

Results are generally released in early-May for February exam and early-November for July exam.

Reciprocity

Acceptance of MBE Score

Applicants may transfer an MBE score from another jurisdiction from a concurrent exam only.

Eligibility for Admission by Attorney Examination

Out-of-state attorney applicants are required to take an essay exam on Maryland Evidence, Maryland Civil/Criminal Practice & Procedure and Rules of Professional Conduct. Applicants must have practiced law as a principal means of support in another jurisdiction for 10 years, or 5 of the last 10 years immediately preceding application, must have been admitted by exam in another state and must have intent to practice in Maryland.

Attorney Exam: \$600 (plus cost of NCBE character report: \$300) .

Miscellaneous

All applicants required to complete a course on legal professionalism offered by the Maryland State Bar Association prior to admission.