

# Alabama Bar Exam Information

Alabama Board of Law Examiners

State Bar Admissions Office  
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Montgomery, AL 36101  
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[www.alabar.org/public/admissions.cfm](http://www.alabar.org/public/admissions.cfm)

## Bar Exam Format

The Alabama Bar Exam is a 2½ -day exam.

**Day 1:** Six Alabama Civil Litigation essays

**Day 2:** Six Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions and two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions

**Day 3:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a six-hour, 200-question multiple-choice exam

## Subjects Tested

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

**MEE/Alabama Essay Subjects:** Alabama Civil Litigation (AL Civil Procedure & Equitable Remedies), Agency, Commercial Paper/Negotiable Instruments, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law (Federal), Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Partnerships, Real Property, Secured Transactions, Torts, Trusts and Future Interests, Wills and Estates.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

The Alabama Bar Exam is administered on the last Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in February and July.

**2011 Winter:** February 21 - 23

**2011 Summer:** July 25 - 27

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

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

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applicant must file both a law student registration and a bar exam application. Law student registration filing fees are: \$10 if filed within the first 60 days of law school; \$35 if filed within 180 days; \$50 if filed within 330 days; \$75 if filed within 390 days; \$100 if filed after 390 days with affidavit.

Bar exam application must be filed by October 1st for the February exam and by February 1st for the July exam. AL residents pay \$475. Non-residents, attorneys and those who have previously applied to another jurisdiction pay \$750.

## Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are averaged in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score (combined 128). Results are generally released in early May for February exam and late September for July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Alabama does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicants may transfer previous MBE score from another jurisdiction if a scaled score of 140 or higher was achieved within 20 months, and if admitted to jurisdiction where exam was taken.

# Alaska Bar Exam Information

Alaska Board of Law Examiners

## **Alaska Bar Association**

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Bar Exam Format

**The Alaska Bar Exam is a 2 1/2 day exam.**

**Day 1 and 3:** nine essay questions (1 1/2 days) including three one-hour questions that require substantial legal analysis, six short essays that emphasize substantive law, and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) problems.

**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

## **Alaska Essay Subjects**

AK Constitutional Law, AK Contracts/Sales, AK Criminal Law/Procedures, AK Evidence, AK Property, AK Torts, Business Organizations (Corporations, Partnerships, Business Associations), Civil Procedure, Family Law. In addition, and if applicable, Remedies may be tested as part of each of the topics listed above.

## **Multistate Performance Test**

"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

Anchorage

Fairbanks

Juneau

**February 22-24, 2011; July 26-28, 2011**

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be postmarked by December 1<sup>st</sup> for the February exam and by May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the July exam.

Late filing is allowed until January 17<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Exam fee: **\$800**.

Late filing exam fee December 15<sup>th</sup>/May 16<sup>th</sup> **\$825**; January 17<sup>th</sup>/June 15<sup>th</sup> **\$900**

Bar Exam Filing Advice

**Take Appropriate Steps To Ensure Timely Delivery:** Your application is one of thousands that will be sent to the same office address. Use Certified Mail with Return Receipt Requested or other appropriate verifiable means (e.g., FedEx, UPS) when sending all correspondence to the bar examiners so that you have proof regarding when your application was postmarked, when it arrived and who received it. Check with the state bar examiner's office before sending your application regarding what types of delivery they will accept.

**Payment:** Application fees are generally non-refundable. Verify acceptable forms of payment with your state (i.e., no personal checks). If you apply to take the bar exam, pay all fees and subsequently withdraw, you must contact the Bar Examiners. You may have to submit a new application, a new filing fee and new copies of related documents in order to sit for the exam at a future date.

**Employment History:** Many states' bar applications require information regarding your past employment since the age of 18 (i.e., name and address of employer, reason for leaving). Begin compiling a list of employers and their current addresses so that you have this information for your application.

**Character References:** Many states' bar applications require a list of persons who can attest to your good character. Begin compiling a list of non-relatives who have known you for at least two (2) years who can vouch for your integrity.

**Driver Abstracts:** Some bar applications require you to produce a Driver's Abstract from all states in which you were licensed to drive. Contact the Division of Motor Vehicles in each state and request the most complete abstract of your driving record that is available.

**Fingerprints:** In some states you must submit your fingerprints on a special card with your exam application. Have your fingerprints rolled by a professional law enforcement officer onto the forms provided by the bar examiners.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion**

Alaska has an admission without examination rule, with reciprocity provisions, for attorney applicants. Following is the most current list of jurisdictions that allow admission without examination: AL, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DC, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI.

# Arizona Bar Exam Information

Arizona Supreme Court

## Character and Fitness Committee

1501 W. Washington, Suite 104  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-3231

Telephone: (602) 452-3971

<http://www.supreme.state.az.us/admis/>

## Bar Exam Format

The Arizona Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** 12 essay questions (30 minutes each). The essays can be taken from the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) or may be drafted by the Arizona examiners.

**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

### Arizona Essay Subjects

Arizona Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Community Property, Corporations, Partnerships and other Business Organizations, Professional Responsibility, Trusts, Wills, UCC (Articles 2, 3 & 9), plus all MBE subjects

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Application must be filed by September 1 for the February exam and by February 1 for the July exam. Late applications may be accepted upon payment of additional filing fees until November 30 for the February exam and April 30 for the July exam.

**Application Packet:** \$20

**Exam Fee:** \$250

**Application Fee:** \$125

Applicant is required to submit character report and bear cost of report.

## Grading and Results

MBE is weighted 1/3 of total score and essay is weighted 2/3 of total score to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score. Results are generally released in early May for the February exam and early October for the July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** A member in good standing of a reciprocating state bar may be admitted on motion if applicant has engaged in active practice of law 5 of 7 years preceding application and is a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. For complete details contact the Arizona Committee on Examinations.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Arizona accepts an MBE scaled score from a concurrent exam only.

# Arkansas Bar Exam Information

Arkansas Board of Law Examiners

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625 Marshall  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
Telephone: (501) 374-1855

[http://courts.state.ar.us/opp/bar\\_admission.cfm](http://courts.state.ar.us/opp/bar_admission.cfm)

## Bar Exam Format

The Arkansas Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) problems and 6 Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions.

**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.

**MEE/Arkansas Essay Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Domestic Relations, Equity, Federal Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Criminal Law & Procedure, Sales, Secured Transactions, Wills, Estates & Trusts, plus all MBE subjects

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

The Arkansas 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

Applications must be filed by November 16th for the February exam, and by April 1st for the July exam.

**Exam fee:** \$400

## Grading and Results

The written portion is scaled to the MBE to determine if the applicant has achieved a passing score. A total score of 270 or higher is required to pass. Results are released approximately four weeks after the exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** A member in good standing of a reciprocating state bar may be admitted on motion if applicant has engaged in active practice of law 5 of 7 years preceding application and is a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. For complete details contact the Arkansas law examiners.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Will accept MBE scaled score of at least 135 from a concurrent or immediately succeeding exam.

# California Bar Exam Information

California Board of Law Examiners

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San Francisco, CA 94105-1639  
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## Bar Exam Format

The California Bar Exam is a 3-day exam.

**Day 1:** Three 1-hour essays and one 3-hour Performance Test.

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

**Day 3:** Three 1-hour essays and one 3-hour Performance Test.

## Subjects Tested

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

**California Essay Subjects:** CA Civil Procedure, California Professional Responsibility, California Community Property, Agency & Partnerships, Corporations, Contracts/Sales, California Wills & Succession, California Evidence, Remedies, Trusts, plus all MBE subjects.

**Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

The California Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in February and July.

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 25

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 29

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by November 12th for the February exam, and by April 1st for the July exam. Late applications are accepted with \$150 additional fee until January 15th for the February exam and June 15th for the July exam.

**Exam fee:** \$500

## Grading and Results

The PT will be weighted 26% of the total exam score. The essays are weighted 39% of the total exam score and the MBE's are weighted 35% of the total exam score. The PT will be combined with scores from the essay questions, scaled to the MBE and combined with the score of the MBE to determine successful applicants. Results are generally released in early-May for the February exam and mid-November for the July exam.

# Colorado Bar Exam Information

Colorado Board of Law Examiners

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Board of Law Examiners  
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website: [www.coloradosupremecourt.com/BLE/ble\\_home.htm](http://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/BLE/ble_home.htm)

## Bar Exam Format

The Colorado Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

Day 1: Eight essay questions and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.

The essays are from the MEE and may cover MBE topics as well as non-MBE.

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

### Colorado Essay (MEE) Subjects\*

Agency, Federal Jurisdiction and Civil Procedure, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws (beginning in July 2010), Corporations, Partnerships, Secured Transactions, Family Law, Wills, Estates & Trusts, plus all MBE subjects.

-Note, Colorado does NOT test UCC Article 2A.

### Multistate Performance Test

"Closed Universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

\*NOTE: The essay subjects tested have changed, beginning with the July 2009 administration of the Colorado bar exam. All aspects of our course will be adapted to the changes. Beware of obsolete information from other sources.

## Bar Exam Dates

Denver:

February 23 and 24, 2010

specific location within Denver not yet announced.

July 27 and 28, 2010

specific location within Denver not yet announced.

Colorado only administers the bar exam in one location, Denver.

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Application must be filed by December 1st for the February exam and by May 1st for the July exam. Late applications allowed only until December 31st/ May 31st (late fee \$200).

Exam fee: \$475\*

Attorney exam fee: \$500\*

Admission on motion: \$800

\* If you wish to use a laptop for the written portion of the exam, add \$100 to the examination fee.

## Grading and Results

The MBE is weighted 50% of total score, the essay/MPT questions combine for the other 50% of total score (the essays are approximately 30% and the MPT is approximately 20%). The MBE, essay and MPT scaled scores are added together to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 276. (The 276 is a SCALED score, based on a total available RAW score of 400). Results are generally released in late April for February exam and late September / early October for July exam.

## Reciprocity

### Admission on Motion

Applicant must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school, must be admitted in a state (or combination of states) which allows Colorado attorneys to be admitted on motion, must have actively practiced law in that state (or combination of states), and must have practiced law for 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application.

### Foreign Law School Graduates

Permission may be requested to sit for the exam based on a non-U.S. legal education if applicant's law school was in an English speaking common law country, applicant is admitted in the country from which he/she graduated, and applicant has practiced for five of the preceding seven years.

### Acceptance of MBE Score

Colorado does not accept the transfer of any MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction. This means that an applicant must be present in Colorado for the administration of the MBE. Colorado will transfer an MBE score TO another jurisdiction, upon request.

# Connecticut Bar Exam Information

Bar Examining Committee

100 Washington Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-4411

Telephone: (860) 706-5135

[www.jud.ct.gov/cbec/](http://www.jud.ct.gov/cbec/)

Bar Exam Format

The Connecticut Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Twelve essay questions.

**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.

**Connecticut Essay Subjects:** Administrative Law, Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, CT Constitutional Law, CT Evidence, CT Practice & Procedure, Corporations, Equity, Federal Jurisdiction, Future Interests, Partnerships, Personal Property, Professional Responsibility, Secured Transactions, Surety ship, Trusts, Wills, plus all MBE subjects

Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter: February 23-24**

**2010 Summer: July 27-28**

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by November 30th for the February exam, and by April 30th for the July exam. No extensions.

**Exam fee:** \$450

#### Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are each weighted 50% and combined in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score. Results are generally released in mid April for February exam and mid October for July exam.

#### Reciprocity

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

Admission without exam if, in addition to other requirements, an applicant has been lawfully engaged in the practice of law as the applicant's principal means of livelihood for five out of the last seven years in a reciprocal jurisdiction, and the applicant must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school.

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

Applicants should contact the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee.



# Delaware Bar Exam Information

Board of Law Examiners of Supreme Court of Delaware

Carvel State Office Building  
820 North French Street, 11th Floor  
Wilmington, DE 19801-3545  
302-577-7038  
FAX: (302) 577-7037

## Bar Exam Format

The Delaware Bar Examination is a three day exam, consisting of two Multistate Performance Tests (MPT), eight essay questions and the Multistate Bar Examination.

**Day 1 and Day 2:** Two 90-minute MPT questions and eight essay questions.

**Day 3:** 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.

### Essay Subjects:

Agency  
Constitutional Law  
Contracts  
Corporations  
Criminal Law (including the Delaware Criminal Code)  
Equity  
Evidence  
Partnerships  
Property  
Torts  
Trusts  
Uniform Commercial Code  
Wills

and Procedure in the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, the Superior Court of the State of Delaware (Civil and Criminal), the Family Court of the State of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the original and appellate jurisdiction of the courts of Delaware

## Bar Exam Dates

The Delaware Bar Exam is administered on the last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in July.

The dates for the 2010 exam are **July 26-27-28**.

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications should be filed by March 15 with a non-refundable application fee of \$500. However, applications will be accepted until April 15 with a non-refundable application fee of \$600. No applications will be accepted after April 15. Applications are obtained by sending a written notice of intent to take the bar exam to:

Board of Bar Examiners  
State of Delaware  
820 N. French Street, 11th Floor  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
(302) 577-7038  
Website: <http://courts.delaware.gov/bbe/>

## Grading and Results

An applicant shall be deemed to have passed the Delaware Bar Examination if, in a single administration of that Examination, the applicant achieves a “total scale score” of 145.00 or higher.

“Total scale scores” are computed as follows: (a) the raw scores on each of the eight essay questions are converted to a score distribution that has a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 7, (b) the raw scores on each of the two MPT questions are converted to a score distribution that has a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 14, (c) a given applicant’s “total converted score” is the sum of that applicant’s converted essay and converted MPT scores, (d) the distribution of the “total converted scores” is scaled to the MBE to yield a “total written scale score,” (e) the applicant’s “total written scale score” is combined with that applicant’s MBE scale score (with the written score weighted at 60% and the MBE score weighted at 40%) to produce a “total scale score.” The term “scaled to the MBE” as used herein means that the distribution of “total scale scores” is scaled to a distribution that has the same mean and standard deviation as the MBE scale scores in Delaware.

Results are generally released in early-October.

## Reciprocity

### **Reciprocity**

Delaware does not have reciprocity of any kind with any other state. To be admitted to the Delaware Bar, an applicant must take the exam, including the MBE, in Delaware. MBE results secured in conjunction with the administration of the bar examination in another state are not accepted.

**Requirements for admission to the Delaware Bar**

An applicant must have graduated from an ABA approved law school. Applications must be filed timely and approved by the Board to sit for the exam. A weighted combined score of 145 is required on the essays and MBE. An applicant must also pass the MPRE (taken separately from the July examination) with a scaled score of 85. Applicants must also complete a clerkship requirement and attend the two-day Pre-Admission Conference before admission.

# District of Columbia Bar Exam Information

District of Columbia Committee on Admissions

## **DC Court of Appeals**

430 E Street, NW, Room 123

Washington, DC 20001

[www.dccourts.gov](http://www.dccourts.gov)

## Bar Exam Format

The District of Columbia Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and six Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions.

**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.

**Multistate Essay Exam Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Secured Transactions, Trusts & Future Interests, Wills, plus all MBE subjects.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Additional information about the MBE, MEE and MPT is available on [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org).

The DC Board of Bar Examiners selects six (6) essay questions from a pool of nine (9) MEE questions to use as its essay exam.

## Bar Exam Dates

The District of Columbia 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

Applications must be filed by **December 15th** for the February exam and by **May 3rd** for the July exam.

Exam Filing Fee: \$100

Plus: MBE Fee: \$54

Plus: MEE Fee: \$40

Plus: NCBE Character Report: \$225

**Late applications** may be filed within 15 days from the December and May closing dates.

Late fee: \$200

All fees are payable by certified check, cashier's check or money orders.

## Grading and Results

The MBE is weighted 50% and the MEE and MPT are weighted 25% each. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and mid-October for the July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant who has been a member of another bar and in good standing for 5 years immediately preceding application may be admitted without motion.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** An applicant may be admitted without exam if applicant received a scaled MBE score of 133 or higher on an exam upon which applicant was admitted in another jurisdiction, achieved a scaled score of 75 or better on MPRE, and has a JD from an ABA accredited law school.

An applicant who received an MBE scaled score of 133 or higher on a prior MBE (taken within 25 months of the present exam) may waive in the MBE score and take only the essay exam. An essay score of 133 will then be required to pass the DC Bar Exam.

An applicant who received a scaled essay score of 133 or higher on a prior DC Bar Exam (taken within 25 months of the present exam) may waive in the essay score and take only the MBE. A scaled score of 133 will then be required to pass the DC exam.

# Florida Bar Exam Information

Florida Board of Law Examiners

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## Bar Exam Format

The Florida Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

**Day 1 Morning:** Three essay questions. **Afternoon:** 100 multiple-choice questions.

**Day 2 Morning and Afternoon:** 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.

**Florida Subjects:** Business Entities (Corporations and Partnerships), Family Law, FL Constitutional Law, FL Civil Procedure and the Rules of Judicial Administration, FL Rules of Civil & Criminal Procedure, FL Rules of Professional Conduct & Rules Regulating Trust Accounts, Trusts, Wills & Administration of Estates (all topics include equitable aspects), plus Florida Law for all MBE subjects.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

### **2010 / 2011 Bar Exam Location:**

Tampa Convention Center  
333 S. Franklin Street  
Tampa, FL 32602  
(813) 274-8511

### **2011 Bar Exam Dates:**

February 22-23 and July 26-27

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applicant must file both a law student registration and a bar exam application.

Student Registrant deadlines (for discounted fees) are dates based on law school start dates, and are the same for all law schools.

Law School Start Dates	\$100 Filing Deadline	\$350 Filing Deadline
August / September	the following January 15	The following March 15
January / February	The following June 15	the following August 15
May / June	The following October 15	the following December 15

**All student registrations postmarked after March 15, August 15, or December 15 (whichever is applicable) but no more than 12 months from graduation \$400**

The cost of filing a Bar Application is determined by whether or not you have been admitted to the bar, and if so, the number of years.

\$600	For law students who filed an early registration and are now converting to a regular applicant and plan to take the Bar Examination
\$1000	For law students who did not file an early registration, for persons who have not been admitted, filing for the first time or for persons who have been admitted for less than 12 months
\$1600	For attorneys admitted more than 1 but less than 5 years
\$2000	For attorneys admitted more than 5 but less than 10 years
\$2400	For attorneys admitted more than 10 but less than 15 years
\$3000	For attorneys admitted 15 years or more
\$6000	Eligible to apply after disbarment or resignation pending disciplinary proceedings, regardless of length of time admitted

Checks should be made payable to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. The board does not accept payment by credit card

## Schedule of Filing Deadlines & Late Fees

Late Fee	Determined by	February Exam	July Exam
Timely	Postmarked on or before	November 15	May 1
\$325	Postmarked on or before	December 15	June 1
\$625	Postmarked on or before	January 15	June 15

### Grading and Results

MBE and Florida essay/multiple-choice scores are each weighted 50% in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score. An average scaled score of 136 will be required. Results are generally released in mid-April for February exam and mid-September for July exam.

### Reciprocity

#### **Admission on Motion**

Florida does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants

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

Florida does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.



# Georgia Bar Exam Information

Georgia Board of Bar Examiners

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## Bar Exam Format

The Georgia Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Four 45-minute essay questions and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.

**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.

**Georgia Essay Subjects:** Business Organizations, Commercial Paper, Family Law, Federal Practice & Procedure, Georgia Practice and Procedure, Non-Monetary Remedies, Professional Ethics, Secured Transactions, Trusts, Wills and Estates, plus all MBE subjects.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Locations/Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

INFORMATION FORTHCOMING. For detailed information on filing fees and deadlines for the Georgia bar exam, visit the website of the [Georgia Board of Bar Examiners](http://www.gabaradmissions.org).

## Grading and Results

Scaled MBE and scaled essay/MPT scores are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score (270 required).

Applicant must receive MBE scaled score of 115 to have essays graded. Combined score of 265-269 will result in regrading of essays and MPTs.

Results are generally released in late May for February exam and late October for July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Georgia does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted from states admitting attorneys from Georgia without exam. Must have practiced (including teaching law at a law school approved by the ABA) for at least 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application. Must meet educational requirements. See "Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law" for other eligibility requirements. In addition, Attorneys' Exam may be offered to applicants meeting certain specified criteria.

# Hawaii Bar Exam Information

Hawaii State Bar Association

## Hawaii Supreme Court Board of Bar Examiners

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Honolulu, HI 96813  
Telephone (808) 539-4907  
[www.courts.state.hi.us](http://www.courts.state.hi.us)

### Bar Exam Format

The Hawaii Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

**Day 1:** four-hour morning session and a three-hour afternoon session. In the morning, examinees are required to answer seven Multi-state Essay Exam (MEE) questions and a quiz on the Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct (HRPC). In the afternoon, examinees are required to answer two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.

**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

**MEE Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Paper (Negotiable Instruments), Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Decedents' Estates, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, HI Rules of Professional Conduct, Partnerships, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts & Future Interests

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

### Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Application must be filed at least 90 days prior to exam. No late filing allowed.

**Exam fee:** \$300 plus cost of NCBE character report.

## Grading and Results

MBE (weighted 1/2) and essay scores (weighted 1/2) are combined for overall passing score. Grading policies are determined by the Committee of Bar Examiners and specific inquiries concerning grading should be addressed to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office. Results are generally released in early May for February exam and early October for July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Hawaii does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Hawaii does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

# Idaho Bar Exam Information

Idaho State Bar

## **Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 895  
Boise, ID 83701

## **Street Address**

525 W. Jefferson Street  
Boise, ID 83702

Telephone: (208) 334-4500

Fax Numbers: (208) 334-4515 or (208) 334-2764

[www.isb.idaho.gov](http://www.isb.idaho.gov)

Office hours are 8:00 - 5:00 MT, Monday through Friday; closed on state holidays.

## Bar Exam Format

The Idaho Bar Exam is a 2 day exam (50% Written, 50% MBE).

**Day 1** consists of 6 MEE essays and 1 Idaho drafted essay (30 minutes each) in the morning, and 2 MPT (90 minutes each) in the afternoon.

**Day 2** consists of the 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.

**MEE Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Sales, Secured Transactions, Wills & Estates, Trusts & Future Interests, and all MBE subjects listed above.

**Idaho Essay Subject:** Community Property

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

The Idaho 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

Application must be filed by October 1 for February exam and March 1 for July exam. Late applications permitted with additional fees until November 15 for February exam and April 15 for July exam.

**Application packet fee:** \$10

**Student applicant fee:** \$500

**Attorney applicant fee:** \$690

## Grading and Results

MBE (weighted 1/2) and written scores (weighted 1/2) are combined for an overall passing score (70% required). Results are generally released in early April for February exam and early September for July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Attorneys licensed in states that allow Idaho applicants admission through reciprocity may be eligible for reciprocity in Idaho. Examination is required of all other applicants. Attorneys who have actively practiced 5 of 7 years preceding application are not required to take the MBE.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicants may transfer a previous MBE scaled score from another jurisdiction if taken within 37 months of the date of the exam. (Board recommends transferred score be at least a scaled score of 140)

# Illinois Bar Exam Information

Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar

625 South College Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Telephone: (217) 522-5917  
[www.ibaby.org](http://www.ibaby.org)

The Illinois Bar Exam is a 2-day exam

**Day 1:** One 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question, the six-question Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) and three questions drafted by Illinois examiners.

**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.

**MEE/ Illinois Essay Subjects:** Administrative Law, Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Equity, Family Law, Federal Jurisdiction & Procedure, Federal Taxation, IL Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Personal Property, Sales, Secured Transactions, Suretyship, Trusts & Future Interests, Wills (Decedents' Estates), *plus* all MBE subjects.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

The Illinois bar exam dates for 2011 are February 22 and 23 and July 26 and 27. The exam is administered in various locations in the downtown area of Chicago. Seat assignments are given approximately two weeks prior to the exam.

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Effective immediately all applications must be filed electronically with the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar. Visit [www.ibaby.org](http://www.ibaby.org) for more information.

Law student registration filing fee is \$100 for applicant who registers by March 1st of the first year of law school. Applicant who registers thereafter pays \$450. Bar exam application must be filed by September 1st for the February exam and by February 1st for the July exam (\$250). Late applications accepted with late fee until December 31st and May 31st respectively.

## Grading and Results

The essays are worth approximately 43%, the MPT is worth approximately 7% and the MBE is worth approximately 50%. February exam results are generally released six weeks after the exam. July exam results are generally released 8-10 weeks after the exam.

## Reciprocity

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicants may transfer previous MBE scaled score of at least 140 from another jurisdiction if from preceding two exams and applicant passed the bar exam in jurisdiction where MBE was taken. Applicants may not have MBE score transferred to Illinois from a concurrent exam.

**Admission on Motion:** Persons admitted to practice in a reciprocal jurisdiction who have been engaged in the active and continuous practice of law for at least 5 of the 7 years prior to making application and who meet the educational requirements for admission on exam may be admitted on motion. Applicant must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school and prove intent to practice a minimum of 500 hours annually, physically in Illinois.

## In-House Counsel

Persons who will be working for an Illinois business as in-house counsel must be licensed, but if such persons are already licensed in another jurisdiction, they may apply for a limited "House Counsel" license pursuant to Rule 716 and no exam is required.



# Indiana Bar Exam Information

Indiana Board of Law Examiners

State Board of Law Examiners  
Indiana State Board of Law Examiners  
30 South Meridian Street, Suite 875  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Telephone: (317) 232-2552

## Bar Exam Format

The Indiana Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and a 4-hour essay exam consisting of six questions, which will not necessarily be limited to one subject matter.

**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

**Indiana Essay Subjects:** Administrative Law, Agency, Commercial Law, Indiana Constitutional Law, Corporations, Family Law, Partnerships, Personal Property, Pleading and Practice, Taxation, Trusts & Estates, Wills

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Application must be postmarked by November 15th for the February exam and by April 1st for the July exam. Applications are available October 1st for the February exam and February 1st for the July exam. Late filing (with additional \$250 fee) allowed for 15 days past deadlines.

Exam fee: \$250

## Grading and Results

The three tests (MPT, Indiana Essay Exam and MBE) will be weighted as follows: MPT 20%, Indiana Essay Exam 30%, MBE 50%. The passing score will be a combined scaled score of 264. Results are generally released 75 days after the bar exam

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** May be admitted without exam. Conditional one-year licenses granted to applicants who have actively engaged in the practice of law 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application and intend to practice predominately in Indiana. After fifth consecutive renewal, admission becomes permanent.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicant may transfer an MBE score from a concurrent exam only.

# Iowa Bar Exam Information

Iowa Board of Law Examiners  
**Board of Law Examiners**  
**Supreme Court of Iowa**  
Judicial Branch Building  
1111 E. Court Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Telephone: (515) 281-5911 ext. 3  
[www.judicial.state.ia.us](http://www.judicial.state.ia.us)

## Bar Exam Format

**Day 1:** (afternoon) Check in and orientation

**Day 2:** (morning) Two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions; (evening) Six Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions

**Day 3:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) – (morning) 100 multiple-choice questions, (afternoon) 100 multiple-choice questions

## Subjects Tested

### MBE Subjects

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

### MEE Subjects

- Agency
- Commercial Paper\*
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Corporations, including Limited Liability Companies
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Federal Civil Procedure
- Partnership
- Real Property
- Sales
- Secured Transactions\*

- Torts
- Trusts & Future Interests
- Wills & Estates

**\*Note:**

As a transition measure, the February 2009 Bar Exam will not test on UCC Articles 3 or 9 should the MEE include these articles.

Future examinations after the February 2009 exam may include these Articles as potential test subjects.

**Multistate Performance Test**

"Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

**Bar Exam Dates**

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

**Filing Fees and Deadlines**

**Law Students**

Student applicants must file both a law student registration and bar exam application:

**Registration**

Students intending to sit for the bar exam in Iowa are required to register with the Board of Bar Examiners by November 1 of the year they commence the study of law and pay a registration fee of \$25. Applicants not filing by the November 1 deadline must file the registration form with a late fee of \$75. The registration must be on file by December 1 preceding the July examination or July 1 preceding the February examination. There are no refunds of these fees.

**Application**

Students are required to file their bar exam applications and pay their application fee of \$325 no later than April 1 preceding the July examination or November 1 preceding the February examination. No exceptions will be made. This fee is not refundable. Applications may be downloaded from the Board of Bar Examiner's web site, but applicants should contact the office to obtain the additional papers that need to be filed. The site includes a bar exam checklist to help students ensure all the proper paperwork components are filed.

**Attorneys**

Iowa allows for admission on motion and registration of in-house counsel:

**Admission on Motion**

Attorneys licensed in another state (or the District of Columbia) can be admitted on motion if they fulfill the requirements enumerated on the Bar Examiner's web site. An application can be obtained from the Iowa Office of Professional Regulation or filled out electronically. The completed application must be accompanied by a fee of \$575.

**In-House Counsel**

Attorneys who are not licensed in Iowa, but are admitted in another state and maintain an office or other systematic and continuous presence in Iowa to practice as house counsel, can register with the stte. A registration packet must be completed and accompanied with a fee of \$200.

**Grading and Results**

Iowa does not release its grading formula. Iowa has not yet determined when results will be released.

**Reciprocity****Admission on Motion**

May be admitted without exam. Must demonstrate a bona fide intention to practice law in Iowa and have practiced 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application.

**Acceptance of MBE Score**

Iowa accepts an MBE scaled score from another jurisdiction within previous two years.

**Miscellaneous**

May take bar exam prior to graduation if receive degree within 45 days from the first day of the exam.

# Kansas Bar Exam Information

Kansas Board of Law Examiners

Kansas Judicial Center  
301 SW 10th Avenue, Room 374  
Topeka, KS 66612  
T: 785.296.8410  
Email: [admissions@kscourts.org](mailto:admissions@kscourts.org)  
[www.kscourts.org](http://www.kscourts.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The Kansas Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

**Day 1:** Kansas Essay Exam consisting of 16 essays drafted by the Kansas Board of Bar Examiners. Eight questions are administered in the morning and eight in the afternoon; each session is three hours in length.

**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.

**Kansas Essay Subjects:** Personal Property, Domestic Relations and Family Law, Noncorporate Business Organizations, Agency and Employment, UCC and Commercial Transactions, Legal Ethics, Contracts, Corporations, Real Property, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Kansas and Federal Civil Procedure, Torts, Wills, Trusts and Administration, Conflict of Laws, and Evidence

## Bar Exam Dates

The Kansas 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

Applications must be received by October 15th for the February exam, and by March 15th for the July exam. Late applications are accepted with a \$200 additional fee until November 15th for the February exam and April 15th for the July exam.

**Exam fee:** \$400

## Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing combined scaled score of 133.0 or higher. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and mid-September for July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted without an exam if licensed in at least one jurisdiction that permits mutuality of admission without examination for members of the Kansas Bar; may not have previously failed a written Kansas Bar Examinations; meets the requirements of Kansas Rules 708 & 709; must have never received professional discipline nor currently be the subject of a pending disciplinary investigation in any other jurisdiction; must be of good moral character and mentally emotionally fit to engage in the practice of law; must have been actively engaged in the practice of law for 5 of the 7 years immediately preceding the date of application.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicants may transfer MBE scaled score of 120 or higher from another jurisdiction if from a concurrent exam or received within 13 months prior to the current exam, provided that the applicant passed the entire exam in one sitting in the transferring jurisdiction.

# Kentucky Bar Exam Information

Kentucky Board of Law Examiners

1510 Newtown Pike, Suite 156  
Lexington, KY 40511  
Telephone: (859) 246-2381  
[www.kyoba.org](http://www.kyoba.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The Kentucky Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Six essay questions drafted by the Kentucky examiners and the six question Multistate Essay Exam (MEE)

**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.

**MEE/ Kentucky Essay Subjects:** Administrative Law & Procedure, Agency, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Domestic Relations, Federal Taxation, Kentucky & Federal Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Personal Property, UCC, Wills, Trusts & Future Interests, plus all MBE subjects.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

To obtain an application, you may access the website at [www.kyoba.org](http://www.kyoba.org) or send a written request to the Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions along with a check for \$10.00 to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

Applications must be filed by October 1st for the February exam and February 1st for the July exam. The application fee is \$625.00. Late applications are accepted with a late fee. The late deadlines for the

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

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



February exam are November 10th with an additional \$200 late fee and December 10th with an additional \$400 late fee. The late deadlines for the July exam are March 10th with an additional \$200 late fee and May 10th with an additional \$400 late fee.

Attorney Application Fee: \$675

Admission without exam fee: \$1200

#### Grading and Results

Applicant must achieve scaled score of 132 on MBE to pass and 75% of the possible points on the essay section. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and mid-October for the July exam.

#### Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from Kentucky without exam. Must have practiced 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application. Must have qualifications (at time of original admission) sufficient to allow exam in Kentucky. Must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. MPRE required prior to admission.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Will accept MBE scaled score of 132 or higher received within the previous three years.

# Louisiana Bar Exam Information

Louisiana Committee on Bar Admissions

2800 Veterans Memorial Blvd.  
Suite 310  
Metairie, LA 70002  
Telephone: (504) 836-2420 or (800) 314-1530  
[www.lascba.org](http://www.lascba.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The Louisiana Bar Exam is a three-day exam including nine separate essay exams over Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Five code essay exams test on the Louisiana Civil Code and the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure. The Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) is not used.

## Subjects Tested

**Code Subject Essays:** Civil Code I (Persons, Community Property, Property and Acquisitive Prescription); Civil Code II (Successions, Donations and Trusts); Civil Code III (Liberative Prescription, Obligations, Contracts, Security Rights, Sales, Leases and other Civil Code Book III topics); Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure; Torts.

**Non-Code Subject Essays:** Business Entities and Negotiable Instruments; Constitutional Law; Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence; Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure.

## Bar Exam Dates

The Louisiana Bar Exam is administered on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a week of February and July.

## 2010 Exam Locations/Dates

Kenner (New Orleans area): February 8, 10, 12

Baton Rouge, Kenner (New Orleans area): July 26, 28, 30

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Please refer to Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII. For detailed information about filing dates and fees, contact the [Louisiana Committee on Bar Admissions](http://www.lascba.org) at 800-314-1530.

**Exam fee:** \$550

#### Grading and Results

A passing score is 70% (seven separate essay exams, including four code subject essays, must be passed). Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and mid to late October for the July exam.

#### Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Louisiana does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants.

# Maine Bar Exam Information

Board of Bar Examiners

P.O. Box 140  
Augusta, ME 04332-0140  
Telephone: (207) 623-2464

[www.mainebarexaminers.org](http://www.mainebarexaminers.org)

Bar Exam Format

The Maine Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

Day 1: Morning session with four 45 minute essay questions; afternoon session with two 45 minute essay questions and one 90 minute 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

## **Maine Essay Subjects**

Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Creditors' Rights, Equity, Family Law, Federal Income Taxation, ME Code of Professional Responsibility, ME Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, ME Rules of Evidence, Partnerships, Secured Transactions, Trusts & Wills, plus all MBE subjects.

## **Multistate Performance Test**

"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

**Feb. 2010 exam:** RECEIVED by Dec. 20 (timely) or by Jan. 3 (with late fees).

**July 2010 exam:** RECEIVED by May 20 (timely) or by June 3 (with late fees).

**Exam fee:** \$450-750

## Grading and Results

The score is comprised of 4/11 from the MBE score and 7/11 from the converted score from Day 1. A passing score is a scaled score of 138. Results are released within 75 days after the exam.

## Reciprocity

### **Modified Bar Examinations**

An applicant who (i) has been admitted by examination to practice in one or more jurisdiction and has been in the active practice of law for at least 3 of the preceding 5 years or (ii) has taken the MBE within the 61 months prior to the current exam, may elect to take only the first day of the examination (see Rule 10 (e)(1) of the Maine Bar Admission Rules). An applicant qualified under either (i) or (ii) and who has achieved a useable MBE scaled score may be admitted on the basis of a further modified written examination (see Rule 10 (e)(2)).

# Maryland Bar Exam Information

Maryland Board of Law Examiners

2011-F Commerce Park Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Telephone: (410) 260-3640  
[www.mdcourts.gov](http://www.mdcourts.gov)

## 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](http://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.

# Massachusetts Bar Exam Information

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners

Suffolk County Courthouse  
3 Pemberton Square, 7th Floor  
Room 707  
Boston, MA 02108  
Telephone: (617) 482-4466  
[www.mass.gov/bbe](http://www.mass.gov/bbe)

## 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.

# Michigan Bar Exam Information

Michigan Board of Law Examiners

925 West Ottawa  
P.O. Box 30104  
Lansing, MI 48915  
Telephone: (517) 373-4453  
www.michbar.org

Bar Exam Format

The Michigan Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** 15 essay questions

**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.

**Michigan Essay Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Creditors' Rights, Equity, MI Rules of Professional Conduct, Domestic Relations, Insurance (No-Fault), Partnerships, Personal Property, Practice & Procedure (State & Federal), Sales, Secured Transactions, Wills & Trusts, Workers' Compensation plus all MBE subjects.

Bar Exam Dates

The Michigan Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July in Lansing, MI.

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Application must be filed by November 1st for the February exam and March 1st for the July exam. Late applications accepted until December 15th for the February exam and May 15th for the July exam with

late fees (\$100 exam and \$100 investigation). Applications must be obtained online at [www.michbar.org](http://www.michbar.org) with payment of \$21.

Exam Fee: \$340

Investigation Fee: \$225

Fingerprint Fee: \$49.25

Admission on motion: Call the Board of Law Examiners for exact fees.

All fees are subject to change.

#### Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are averaged in order to determine if applicant had achieved a passing score. A combined score of 135 or above is necessary to pass the examination. Results are generally released in mid-May for the February exam and mid-November for the July exam.

#### Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted without exam if intends to practice in Michigan, has practiced 3 of 5 years immediately preceding application, and is a graduate of an ABA accredited law school.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** An applicant may transfer previous MBE scaled score from another jurisdiction if within three years and from reciprocal state. Applicant must have passed entire exam of which MBE was part.

# Minnesota Bar Exam Information

Minnesota Board of Law Examiners

180 East 5th Street  
Suite 950  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
Telephone: (651) 297-1800  
[www.ble.state.mn.us](http://www.ble.state.mn.us)

## Bar Exam Format

The Minnesota Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** One 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question and six essay questions.

**Day 2:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200 question, multiple-choice exam. Testing that the width of the text will wrap correctly on the website.

## Subjects Tested

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

**Minnesota Essay Subjects:** Civil Procedure, Ethics & Professional Responsibility, Family Law, Federal Individual Income Taxation, Partnerships, Proprietorships & Corporations, Contracts/Sales, Wills, Estates & Trusts, Uniform Commercial Code Arts. 1 and 2, plus all MBE subjects.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by October 15th for the February exam, and by March 15th for the July exam. Late applications are accepted with \$150 additional fee until December 1st for the February exam

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and May 1st for the July exam.

**Exam fee:** \$500

#### Grading and Results

The MPT will be weighted 12.5% of the total exam score. The MPT will be combined with scores from the essay questions, scaled to the MBE and combined with the score of the MBE to determine successful applicants. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and early-October for the July exam.

#### Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted on motion if engaged in the practice of law for at least 5 of 7 years preceding admission or if received a scaled score of 145 or above on the MBE within 24 months of application. Applicants must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** An applicant may be admitted on the basis of an MBE scaled score received in the previous two years without further exam, provided that the applicant received a scaled score of 145 or higher on the MBE, was successful on the complete exam and was admitted in that jurisdiction. Applicants are also subject to the MPRE requirement.

# Mississippi Bar Exam Information

Mississippi Board of Bar Admission

**Board of Bar Admissions**  
New Gartin Justice Building  
450 High Street, Suite 2027  
Jackson, MS 39201

Telephone: (601) 576-4621

<http://www.mssc.state.ms.us/baradmissions/baradmissions.html>

Bar Exam Format

The Mississippi Bar Exam is a 3-day exam.

**Day 1:** Six one-hour essay questions drafted by the state board.

**Day 2:** Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and the six question Multistate Essay Exam (MEE).

**Day 3:** 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.

**MEE/Mississippi Subjects**

Administrative Law, Agency, Bankruptcy, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Domestic Relations, Federal Civil Procedure, Federal Income Tax, Federal Jurisdiction & Rules of Civil Procedure, MS Constitutional Law, Partnerships, Practice & Procedure of MS Courts, Professional Conduct & Ethics, Sales, Secured Transactions, Torts, UCC, Wills, Estates, Trusts & Future Interests, Worker's Compensation, plus all MBE subjects.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

The Mississippi Bar Exam is a 3 day exam. It is administered on the last Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in February and July.

**2011 Winter:** February 21 - 23

**2011 Summer:** July 25 - 27

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applicant must complete both a law student registration and a bar exam application.

Law student registration fees are \$100 if filed by October 1st following the completion of two semesters of law school and **\$300** thereafter.

If preregistered, application update must be filed by September 1st for the February exam and by February 1st for the July exam (\$525 if preregistered and \$825 if not preregistered). A \$25 online filing fee will be charge for each filing.

Final late application deadlines and fees are available at the Board of Bar Admissions's website. Late fees apply.

Check with The Board of Bar Admissions for a more detailed bar exam fee schedule.

<http://www.mssc.state.ms.us/baradmissions/baradmissions.html>

## Grading and Results

The MBE is weighted 40%; the 6 state essays are weighted 30%; the MEE is weighted 15%; and the MPT accounts for 15% of final score. Results are generally released in mid-April for February exam and mid-September for July exam..

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** May be eligible for attorneys' exam. Must have practiced at least 5 years in a reciprocal state and establish office within 30 days of admission.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score if attained within 20 months prior to Mississippi exam.

# Missouri Bar Exam Information

Missouri Board of Law Examiners

1700 Jefferson Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65110  
Telephone: (573) 751-9814  
Fax (573) 751-5335  
[www.mble.org](http://www.mble.org)

Bar Exam Format

The Missouri Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and a six-question Multistate Essay Exam (MEE).

**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

## **MEE Subjects**

Business Associations (Agency and Partnership; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts, Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates; Trusts and Future Interests), and Uniform Commercial Code (Negotiable Instruments (Commercial Paper); Secured Transactions).

## **Multistate Performance Test**

A "closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

The Missouri 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

Missouri does not have a mandatory law student registration. Law students may, however, seek an early character and fitness determination by filing the Application for Character and Fitness Report during first or second year, but prior to last year, of law school. Otherwise, the Application for Character and Fitness Report and Application for Bar Examination must be filed concurrently. Bar exam application must be filed by **October 1 for February exam** and by **March 1 for July exam**.

Late filing with additional fee allowed until December 31 and May 31 respectively. Depending on postmark date, fees for an early character and fitness determination range and for applying to take the bar exam range from **\$485** to **\$1470**. Visit [www.mble.org](http://www.mble.org) for current fee schedule.

## Grading and Results

A total weighted scaled score of 260 out of 400 is required. The MBE is weighted 50%, MEE scores are weighted 30%; and MPT scores are weighted 20%. Results released as set by the Court.

## Reciprocity

### **Admission on Motion**

Admission without exam possible if applicant has practiced 5 of last 10 years in a jurisdiction admitting Missouri attorneys without exam. Applicant must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school.

### **Acceptance of MBE Score**

Applicant may transfer any MBE scaled score from another jurisdiction provided: the applicant has not previously failed the Missouri bar exam; the transferred MBE score was attained within the 19 months preceding the Missouri exam; applicant passed the entire bar in one administration in the transferring jurisdiction; and applicant has been admitted and is licensed to practice law in the transferring jurisdiction. Acceptance of MBE score does not create a Uniform Bar Exam score for future licensing in other Uniform Bar Exam states.

# Montana Bar Exam Information

Montana Bar Exam  
State Bar of Montana  
P.O. Box 577  
Helena, MT 59624  
Telephone: (406) 442-7660  
Fax: (406) 442-7763  
[www.montanabar.org](http://www.montanabar.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The Montana Bar Exam is a 2 1/2-day exam.

**Day 1:** 4-60 minute MT essay questions, must answer all questions. There may be some cross over questions.

**Day 2:** Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) and Multistate Performance Test (MPT).

**Day 3:** 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.

**Montana Essay Subjects:** Agency; Business Organizations; Civil Procedure; Constitutional Law (Federal & State); Contracts; Criminal Law (Substantive & Procedural); Domestic Relations; Evidence; Income (Federal); Estates and Gift (Federal & State); Taxation; Professional Responsibility (including the Rules of Professional Responsibility and the norms of professional conduct); Real Property; Torts; Trust, Probate, & Wills, Guardianships, Conservatorships, and Estates; UCC as adopted in Montana (excluding Articles 5, 7 and 8); Workers Compensation.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

The Montana Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by October 1st for February exam and by March 1st for July exam. No late filing allowed. Applicants must submit both an application fee and an exam fee.

**Application fee (student):** \$150

**Application fee (attorney):** \$400

### **Exam fees:**

**Montana Essay:** \$150

**MEE:** \$100

**MPT:** \$100

**MBE:** \$100

## Grading and Results

MTEE, MEE and MPT answers will be graded on a scale of five, with five being the highest qualifying score and zero being the lowest possible score. All scores will be converted to the 200 MBE point scale and combined with the MBE scaled scores, the formula computing scores is  $.25$  (MTEE scaled score) +  $.25$  (MEE scaled score) +  $.15$  (MPT scaled score) +  $.35$  (MBE scaled score) = Total score. Applicants with a combined scaled score of 130 or higher will be deemed to have passed the Montana Bar Examination.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Montana has no admission on motion. Attorney applicants face same exam requirements as non-attorneys.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Accepts previous scaled score if at least 130 and from within three years.

# Nebraska Bar Exam Information

Nebraska Board of Law Examiners

## Nebraska State Bar Commission

635 South 14th Street

P.O. Box 81809

Lincoln, NE 68501

Telephone: (402) 475-7091

[www.nebar.com](http://www.nebar.com)

## Bar Exam Format

The Nebraska Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** six-question Multistate Essay Exam (MEE).

**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...

### MEE Subjects

Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts & Future Interests, Wills

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by November 1st for the February exam and by April 1st for the July exam. No late applications accepted.

Application fee: **\$515**

Admission on motion: **\$950** or **\$700** if admitted within 12 months of original exam.

### Grading and Results

Applicants must achieve a combined MBE/essay score of 135. Results are generally released in mid April for February exam and mid September for July exam.

### Reciprocity

#### **Admission on Motion**

Nebraska provides reciprocity to applicants who are in good standing and have either (1) previously passed an examination equivalent to the exam administered in the state of Nebraska or (2) been licensed and are active and in good standing for 5 of the past 7 years.

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

Nebraska does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

#### **Miscellaneous**

May take bar exam prior to graduation if receive degree from approved law school within 60 days after exam.

# Nevada Bar Exam Information

State Bar of Nevada

600 East Charleston Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89104  
Telephone: (702) 382-2200  
[www.nvbar.org](http://www.nvbar.org)

Bar Exam Format

The Nevada Bar Exam is a 2 1/2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Four essay questions (one hour each) and one 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question

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

**Day 3:** Four essay questions (one hour each)

Subjects Tested

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

**Nevada Essay Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Paper, Community Property, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Ethics, Nevada & Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Persons & Domestic Relations, Remedies, Sales, Secured Transactions, Wills, Estates & trusts, plus all MBE subjects

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

The Nevada Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 25

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 29

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by October 1 for the February exam and March 1 for the July exam. Late applications may be accepted upon payment of additional filing fees until December 1 for the February exam and May 1 for July exam.

**Application Fee:** \$50

**Exam fee:** \$475

**Attorney Applications:** \$675

## Grading and Results

MBE (weighted 1/3) and written scores (weighted 2/3) are combined for an overall passing score. In order to pass, an applicant must have a total scaled score of 75 or higher and a converted score of 75 or higher on at least three written questions. Results are generally released in mid-April for the February exam and early October for the July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Nevada does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Nevada does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

# New Hampshire Bar Exam Information

New Hampshire Bar Exam

Office of the Clerk  
Supreme Court  
One Charles Doe Drive  
Concord, NH 03301  
Telephone: (603) 271-2646  
[www.nhbar.org](http://www.nhbar.org)

Bar Exam Format

**Day 1:** Morning session with two 90 minute MPT questions; afternoon session with six MEE essay questions.

**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

## **MEE/NH Essay Subjects**

Agency and Partnership, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts, and Future Interests, Wills, plus MBE Subjects. MEE questions will be graded by members of the New Hampshire Board of Bar Examiners on the basis of law of general application rather than specific New Hampshire law.

## **Multistate Performance Test**

"Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners. Additional information on [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org)

Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28



## Filing Fees and Deadlines

**Feb. 2010 exam:** RECEIVED by Dec. 1. No extensions.

**July 2010 exam:** RECEIVED by May 1. No extensions.

**Exam fee:** \$275

## Grading and Results

MBE, MPT and MEE scores are combined in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 270 on a scale of 400 (70%). Results are generally released in late April for February exam and late September for July exam.

## Reciprocity

### **Admission on Motion without Examination**

Lawyers who have 1) been admitted to practice in one or more jurisdictions. 2) graduated from an ABA approved school, 3) been primarily engaged in the practice of law for 5 of the 7 years preceding the Motion for Admission, and 4) achieved a satisfactory MPRE score may be admitted to the New Hampshire Bar on motion without examination. Check with the Bar Examiners for updates.

### **Acceptance of MBE Score**

New Hampshire accepts an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction, but only for the same test administration.

### **Miscellaneous**

Completion of practical skills course required within two years of admission

# New Jersey Bar Exam Information

New Jersey Board of Law Examiners

(overnight shipping)  
Board of Bar Examiners  
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex  
25 Market Street  
8th Floor - North Wing  
Trenton, NJ 08611

(regular mail)  
P.O. Box 973  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Telephone: (609) 984-2111  
[www.njbarexams.org](http://www.njbarexams.org)

Bar Exam Format

The New Jersey Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

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

**Day 2:** Seven essay questions testing primarily MBE subjects and Civil Procedure.

Subjects Tested

## **Subjects Tested**

Multistate and Essay Subjects

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

## **New Jersey Subject**

Civil Procedure

Bar Exam Dates

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

**2011 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2011 Summer:** July 27 - 28

#### Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be POSTMARKED between September 1st and November 30th for the February exam, and between February 1st and April 30th for the July exam.

**Exam fee:** \$475-\$675

#### Grading and Results

The MBE and essay scores are each weighted 50% and combined in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score. Results are generally released in early May for February exam and early December for July exam.

#### Reciprocity

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

Examination required of all applicants except qualified New Jersey law school professors.

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

Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score from another jurisdiction if exam is taken concurrently with the New Jersey local day.

# New Mexico Bar Exam Information

New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners

**New Mexico Bar Exam  
Board of Bar Examiners**  
9420 Indian School Road, N.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87112

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Fax: (505) 271-9768

[email: info@nmexam.org](mailto:info@nmexam.org)

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

Bar Exam Format

**The New Mexico Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.**

**Day 1:** Six essay questions and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.

**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

## **New Mexico Essay Subjects**

Administrative Law, Agency, Civil Procedure/Federal Jurisdiction, Corporations, Domestic Relations, Equity, NM Community Property Law, Partnerships, Sales, Secured Transactions, Wills, Trusts, Federal Indian Law, plus all MBE subjects.

Note: New Mexico does NOT test UCC Article 2A.

## **Multistate Performance Test**

"Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

Winter exam

February 23-24, 2010

Summer exam

July 27-28, 2010

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications can be obtained by mail for **\$20** or can be downloaded from the web page for free. All first time applicants must file by September 10th for the February exam and by January 10th for the July exam. Late applications accepted with a late fee. Contact the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners for details.

Exam fee for applicants who have graduated from law school within 12 months of filing and who have not practiced in another jurisdiction: **\$450**

All others: **\$800**

Late filing fee: See "Rules" at [www.nmexam.org](http://www.nmexam.org).

## Grading and Results

The essay and MPT are combined and weighted 50% and the MBE is weighted 50% in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of an average scaled score of 130. Results are generally released in late April for February exam and late September for July exam.

## Reciprocity

### **Admission on Motion**

Examination required of all applicants.

### **Acceptance of MBE Score**

New Mexico does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

# New York Bar Exam Information

New York Board of Law Examiners

Corporate Plaza - Building 3  
254 Washington Avenue Extension  
Albany, NY 12203-5195  
Telephone: (518) 453-5990  
Fax: (518) 452-5729  
[www.nybarexam.org](http://www.nybarexam.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The New York Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Five NY essay questions (worth 40%), one Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question (worth 10%) and 50 NY multiple-choice questions (worth 10%).

- AM session (3 hours and 15 min.): 3 essays and 50 NY multiple choice questions.
- PM session (3 hours): 2 essays and one 90 minute MPT question

**Day 2:** MBE (worth 40%). 100 multiple choice questions each in the AM (3hours) and PM (3 hours)

## Subjects Tested

### MBE Subjects

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

### New York Subjects

Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Domestic Relations, Equity, Federal Jurisdiction, Future Interests, Insurance (No Fault), Mortgages, New York Practice & Procedure, New York Professional Responsibility, Partnership, Personal Property, Secured Transactions, Trusts, Wills, Workers' Compensation, plus NY distinctions for all MBE subjects.

### Multistate Performance Test (MPT)

The MPT tests your ability to "think like a lawyer." The MPT, drafted by the [National Conference of Bar Examiners](http://www.nacbe.org), is a closed-universe writing assignment designed to parallel a realistic situation encountered by a new attorney (e.g., a client letter, a closing argument, a brief, etc.). BARBRI has been preparing students for this section of the bar since 1983.

New York uses one 90-minute Multistate Performance Test ("MPT"). Because the MPT does not test your

knowledge of the law, you will receive a "file" and a "library" containing all the information needed to complete the assignment. The "file" includes documents containing the facts of the case and a memorandum from a supervising attorney describing a task to be completed. The "library" contains cases, statutes, rules and regulations that may or may not be relevant to the problem. You must both decipher and apply appropriate authorities.

The BARBRI MPT Workbook contains both past and simulated MPT questions. The BARBRI MPT Workshop is included in your BARBRI course and is ONLY available for current BARBRI students. Separate enrollment is not required. The MPT Workshop provides you with the skills and techniques required to succeed on this section of the bar exam. You will be instructed on how to decipher the files and libraries presented, how to analyze the various types of problems and how to manage your time.

#### Bar Exam Dates

The New York 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

Applications must be filed:

- between November 1 - November 30 for the February New York Bar Exam.
- between April 1 - April 30 for the July New York Bar Exam.

There is no provision for late filing.

**Exam fee:** \$250; \$750 for Foreign Trained Attorneys

#### Grading and Results

Scores on all sections are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score.

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

#### Reciprocity

Acceptance of MBE Score:

### Transferring Concurrent MBE Score

You may transfer an MBE score earned in another jurisdiction to New York from a bar examination which is administered concurrently (on the same day) that such examination is given in New York.

### Admission on Motion:

May be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from New York without exam. Must have practiced 5 of the last 7 years and be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. For admission on motion, applications may be obtained from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in area of residence.



# North Carolina Bar Exam Information

North Carolina Board of Law Examiners

## MAILING ADDRESS

Board of Law Examiners  
of the State of North Carolina  
P. O. Box 2946  
Raleigh NC 27602

## LOCATION ADDRESS

Board of Law Examiners  
of the State of North Carolina  
Suite 700, One Exchange Plaza  
Raleigh NC 276021

Telephone Number: 919-828-4886

Fax Number: 919-828-2251

Email Address: [info@ncble.org](mailto:info@ncble.org)

Web address: [www.ncble.org](http://www.ncble.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The North Carolina Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** 12 Essay Questions, 3-hour morning session and 3-hour afternoon session (six 30-minute questions per session).

**Day 2:** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200 question, multiple-choice exam. 3-hour morning session and 3-hour afternoon session.

## Subjects Tested

**North Carolina Subjects Tested:** Business Association,(including Agency, Corporations, and Partnership), Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Legal Ethics, Real Property, Secured Transactions including the Uniform Commercial Code, Taxation, Torts, Trusts, Wills, and Equity.

## Bar Exam Dates

### Winter 2010/ Summer 2010 North Carolina Bar Exam Dates

- **February 23-24, 2010** (the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February each year)
- **July 27-28, 2010** (the last Tuesday and Wednesday of July each year)

## Winter 2011/ Summer 2011 North Carolina Bar Exam Dates

- **February 22-23, 2011** (the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February each year)
- **July 26-27, 2011** (the last Tuesday and Wednesday of July each year)

### Filing Fees and Deadlines

#### **Deadlines:**

Applications must be filed and received by the Secretary at the office of the Board on or before the first Tuesday in January immediately proceeding the date of the July bar examination, and on or before the first Tuesday in October immediately preceding the date of the February bar examination.

#### **Exam fees:**

Applicant who is not licensed attorney - **\$700.00**

Applicant who is or has been a licensed attorney - **\$1,500.00**

Late Fee for an applicant filed after deadline - **\$250.00**

Supplemental Applicant - **\$400.00**

### Grading and Results

The passing score is **346**. The MBE (weighted 40%) and the Essay (weighted 60%) scores are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score. Results are generally released in late March for February exam takers and late August for July exam takers.

### Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An attorney may be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from North Carolina without exam. Applications must be filed with the Board not less than 6 months prior to consideration of application. Applicants must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school, have actively practiced law 4 of the 6 years immediately preceding the filing of the application, and have passed the MPRE. Admission on motion fee is \$1500.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** North Carolina does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

# North Dakota Bar Exam Information

Bar Admissions Administrator

State Board of Law Examiners  
Judicial Wing, 1st Floor  
600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept. 180  
Bismark, ND 58505  
(701) 328-4201  
[www.ndcourts.gov](http://www.ndcourts.gov)

Bar Exam Format

The North Dakota Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Six-question Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) and two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.

**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.

**Multistate Essay Exam Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts and Future Interests, and Wills (Decedents' Estates), plus all MBE subjects.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24 (Requires at least 10 applicants)

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applicant must complete a law student registration application prior to the bar exam application.

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

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

Law student registration application must be filed by October 1st of the student's second year of study or within 14 months after the student's first day of the first year of law school. Thereafter late fees will be assessed. Fees include the late law student registration filing fee, if applicable, and a background investigation fee.

Application for the February exam must be postmarked by December 1st prior to the February exam for which application is made to avoid late filing fees. Application postmarked by December 15th prior to the February exam for which application is made shall be permitted.

Application for the July exam must be postmarked by March 1st prior to the July exam for which application is made to avoid late filing fees. Applications postmarked later than 90 days prior to exam will not be accepted.

Exam fees include the \$150 exam fee; a late exam filing fee, if applicable, and a background investigation fee.

\* Information subject to change.

#### Grading and Results

MBE, MEE and MPT scores combined to determine if the applicant has achieved a passing score. The three tests are weighed as follows: MBE 50%, MPT 20%, and MEE 30%. An applicant must earn a final total scaled score of at least 260 to pass the examination. Results are generally released six weeks after the exam.

#### Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted without exam. Must be an ABA accredited law school graduate, a member of bar for 5 years preceding application, have practiced 4 of the last 5 years and have 45 hours CLE coursework in the last 3 years (3 of the 45 hours must be in the area of legal ethics).

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** An applicant may be admitted without exam based on the MBE scaled score of 150 or higher within two years, provided admitted in jurisdiction in which MBE was taken. Must be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school and have received a scaled score of 80 on the MPRE no more than 5 years from the date of application. These scores are under review and may change.

# Ohio Bar Exam Information

Ohio Supreme Court

Admissions Office  
Supreme Court of Ohio  
65 South Front Street, 5th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-3431

Telephone: (614) 387-9340

[www.sconet.state.oh.us](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us)

Bar Exam Format

**The Ohio Bar Exam is a 2 1/2-day exam.**

**Day 1:** Six Ohio essay questions and two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions.

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

**Day 3:** Six additional Ohio essay questions.

Subjects Tested

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

**Ohio Essay Subjects:** Business Associations (Agency, Corporations, Partnerships), Civil Procedure, Commercial Transactions (Commercial Paper & Secured Transactions), Legal Ethics, Personal Property, Wills, plus all MBE subjects.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

The Ohio Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.

**Winter 2010: February 23rd-February 25th**

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

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

## Summer 2010: July 27th-July 29th

Both the winter and summer Ohio Bar Exams are administered in the following location:

North Hall  
Veterans Memorial Building  
300 West Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

### Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applicant must file both an Application to Register and an Application to Take the Bar Exam.

Application to Register must be filed by November 15th of second year of law school. An Application to Register is accepted until January 15th for the July exam and August 15th for the February exam (**\$200** late fee).

Application to Take the Bar Exam must be filed by April 1st for July exam and November 1st for February exam (**\$330** plus **\$22** MPT fee).

Admission without exam: **\$1000**, plus fee for NCBE character report.

### Grading and Results

MBE is weighted 1/3 of an examinee's total score and the written portion (essays and MPT) is weighted 2/3 of an examinee's total score. Results are generally released in early May for the February exam and early November for the July exam. A total scaled score of 405 is needed to pass the exam.

### Reciprocity

#### **Admission on Motion**

May apply for admission without exam. Must meet general admission requirements; be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school; have passed a bar exam and been admitted in another jurisdiction; have actively practiced outside of Ohio on a full time basis for 5 of last 10 years; intend to actively practice in Ohio; have not failed the Ohio bar exam. Contact Admissions Office for complete rules.

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

Ohio does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

# Oklahoma Bar Exam Information

Oklahoma Board of Bar Examiners

P.O. Box 53036  
1901 North Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK 73152  
Telephone: (405) 416-7075  
<http://www.okbbe.com/>

Bar Exam Format

**The Oklahoma Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.**

**Day 1:** 16 essay questions in eight hours.

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

Subjects Tested

## **Oklahoma Essay Subjects**

Administrative Law, Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflicts of Law, Consumer Law, Corporations, Creditor's Rights (including Bankruptcy), Family Law, Federal Estate & Gift Taxation, Partnerships, Pleading and Practice (Federal & Oklahoma), Professional Responsibility, Remedies, Secured Transactions, Trusts, Uniform Commercial Code, Wills & Estates, plus all MBE subjects.

## **MBE Subjects**

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

Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be timely filed by September 1 for the February exam, and by February 1 for the July exam. Late applications are accepted with \$150 additional fee until November 2 for the February exam

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

and April 1 for the July exam.

**Exam fee:** \$300

#### Grading and Results

MBE and essay scores are averaged in order to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score. MBE score of 135 is equivalent to passing one-half of the exam. Results are generally released in mid-April for February exam and late September for July exam.

#### Reciprocity

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

Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score from concurrent exam only.

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

May be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from Oklahoma without exam. Must have practiced for 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application and be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. Fee: \$1,500 (plus cost of NCBE character report).



# Oregon Bar Exam Information

Oregon Board of Law Examiners

## **Oregon Bar Exam**

### **State Board of Examiners**

16037 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd

P.O. Box 231935

Tigard, OR 97281-1935

Telephone: (503) 620-0222

[www.osbar.org](http://www.osbar.org)

Bar Exam Format

**The Oregon Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.**

**Day 1:** One 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question and nine essay questions.

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

Note: The bar examiners began phasing in 3 MEE questions per exam with the Winter 2010 exam. The first day of the Oregon Bar Exam will change beginning with the Summer 2012 exam when the format will be 2 MPTs and 6 essay questions (OR and MEE).

Subjects Tested

### **MBE Subjects**

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

### **Oregon Essay Subjects**

Agency, Civil Procedure (State & Federal), Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Corporations, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence (State & Federal), Federal Income Taxation, Legal Ethics (Oregon), Partnerships, Real Property, Sales, Secured Transactions, Torts, Trusts, Wills.

### **Multistate Performance Test**

"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

**Portland**

*July 26-27, 2011*

Monarch Hotel

12566 SE 93rd Ave

Clackamas, OR 97015

(503)-652-1515

[www.monarchhotel.cc](http://www.monarchhotel.cc)

*February 22-23, 2011*

Monarch Hotel

12566 SE 93rd Ave

Clackamas, OR 97015

(503)-652-1515

[www.monarchhotel.cc](http://www.monarchhotel.cc)

#### Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by November 15<sup>th</sup> for the February exam and April 15<sup>th</sup> for the July exam. Late filing is allowed until December 30<sup>th</sup> for the February exam and May 30<sup>th</sup> for the July exam with a \$250 late fee.

Application Packet: **\$25**

Exam fee: **\$600** (Includes investigative fee)

Investigative fee (attorneys only): **\$225**

#### Grading and Results

The MBE (weighted 50%), the essays (weighted 37-1/2%) and the MPT (weighted 12-1/2%) are combined to determine if the applicant passed. A scaled score of 142 is required for the MBE. Results are generally released in early April for the February exam and early September for the July exam. \*

*\*Beginning with the 2012 exam, the format will change to: MBE (weighted 50%), six (6) essays (weighted 30%) and two (2) MPT's (weighted 20%). MEE essays will be phased in for some subjects beginning with the February 2010 exam.*

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion**

Lawyers from the following states who meet certain requirements may be admitted to the Bar of the State of Oregon without having to take and pass the Oregon Bar Examination (Rule 15.05): AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DC, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY.

**Admission of House Counsel**

An attorney employed by a business entity authorized to do business in Oregon, who has been admitted to practice law in another state, federal territory or commonwealth, or the District of Columbia may be admitted to practice law and procedures set out in Rule 16.05.

# Pennsylvania Bar Exam Information

Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners

## Mailing Address

Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners  
Pennsylvania Judicial Center  
P.O Box 62535  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-2535

## Physical Address

(Overnight Deliveries via DHL, FedEx, UPS, etc.)  
Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners  
Pennsylvania Judicial Center  
601 Commonwealth Ave., Suite 3600  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0901

Telephone number: (717) 231-3350

Fax number: (717) 231-3351

[www.pabarexam.org](http://www.pabarexam.org)

Bar Exam Format

The Pennsylvania bar examination is a two day examination:

- **Day 1 (Tuesday):** One Performance Test (PT) question and six essay questions. Students are give 3 hours in the morning to complete the PT and 2 essay questions and 3 hours in the afternoon to complete 4 essay questions.
- **Day 2 (Wednesday):** Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200 question, multiple-choice exam. In both the morning and afternoon sessions, students are given 3 hours to complete 100 questions.

Subjects Tested

**Tuesday: Performance Test and Essay Examination**

**Wednesday: Multistate Bar Examination**

## **PERFORMANCE TEST**

"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners. The PT is designed to test an applicant's ability to use fundamental lawyering skills in a

realistic situation. Each test evaluates an applicant's ability to complete a task, which a beginning lawyer should be able to accomplish. All law necessary for this portion of the exam is provided.

### **ESSAY EXAMINATION**

The essay examination consists of six essay questions that cover one or more of the following subjects

- Business Organizations (including corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and professional corporations)
- Civil Procedure (including Pennsylvania Civil Procedure and Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure)
- Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure (including related federal and Pennsylvania constitutional issues and also including Pennsylvania D.U.I. law)
- Conflict of Laws
- Contracts and U.C.C. Article II (Sales)
- Employment Discrimination (limited to Title VII, ADA and ADEA)
- Evidence (including Federal Rules of Evidence and Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence)
- 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
- Wills, Trusts and Decedents' Estates (including related fiduciary responsibilities)

Applicants are expected to demonstrate their knowledge of Pennsylvania law where applicable when answering the essay portion of the bar examination. The value of an essay answer on the Pennsylvania bar exam depends not so much upon the correctness of the conclusions, as upon the recognition of issues and the quality of the discussion that evidences an ability to apply the law to the facts presented, and to reason in a logical manner in arriving at a conclusion. Factors such as grammar, penmanship and spelling are not considered in the grading of the essay answers.

### **MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION**

The MBE consists of 200 multiple choice questions that cover the following subjects:

- Constitutional Law
- Contracts and Sales (Article II of the U.C.C.)
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Evidence
- Real Property
- Torts

Bar Exam Dates

The Pennsylvania Bar Exam is administered on the Wednesday in February and July, and on the preceding Tuesday, each year.

**2011 Winter:** February 22 - 23, 2011

**2011 Summer:** July 26 - 27, 2011

The New Jersey Bar Exam is administered on the last Wednesday in February and July, and on the following Thursday, each year.

**2011 Winter:** February 23 - 24, 2011

**2011 Summer:** July 27 - 28, 2011

### Filing Fees and Deadlines

Application fees and application deadlines are established for each exam. The fees and deadlines that were in effect last year may not be in effect during the coming year. There is a sliding scale of application fees, depending on the date the application is submitted. The sooner you submit your application, the less expensive it is to take the Pennsylvania bar exam.

The most current information is available at [www.pabarexam.org](http://www.pabarexam.org). Applications can be requested either in writing or through the web site.

### Grading and Results

In addition to the other examination requirements, a successful applicant for admission to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must attain a minimum scaled score of 272 on the combined scores of the MBE and the essay portion, including the Performance Test.

The six answers to the essay examination and the PT (valued at 1.5 times an essay question) will be graded, totaled and scaled to the MBE. The combined essay and PT scores will be weighted at 55%, and the MBE score will be weighted at 45% of the total scaled score. The scaled scores of the PT/essay examination and MBE will then be combined to determine whether a scaled score of 272 or higher has been attained. The web site for the Pennsylvania Board of Bar Examiners ([www.pabarexam.org](http://www.pabarexam.org)) will provide the official release date for the results of the bar exam in early April (for February) or October (for July).

Note: Applicants are required to sit for all sessions of the bar examination (both the morning and afternoon sessions of the PT/Essay Examination and MBE), and make a good faith effort to answer each question. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

The PT and essay answers are graded by the examiners and readers, all of whom are licensed Pennsylvania attorneys. The examiners and readers are hired by the Board and report to the Executive Director and the Supervising Law Examiner. Each examiner has two readers who assist in the grading of that examiner's essay question. The identity of the examiners and readers is confidential to protect the integrity of the bar examination process.

### Reciprocity

#### **Admission on Motion**

May be admitted without exam from states admitting attorneys from Pennsylvania without exam. Since admission in reciprocal state, must have practiced (including teaching in any of the accredited U.S. law

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

schools) for at least 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application. Must also be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. Must also have achieved a minimum scaled score of 75 on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE), for admission to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### **Acceptance of MBE Score**

Pennsylvania does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction. Applicants can take two bar examinations simultaneously (i.e. PA and NJ or PA and MA) by taking the MBE in Pennsylvania and having that score transferred to another jurisdiction.

### **Take Two Bar Exams**

Courses are offered in preparation for both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bar exams, with a combined course available at most of our locations. Students may register for Pennsylvania only, New Jersey only or for the Pennsylvania/New Jersey combination course.

# Rhode Island Bar Exam Information

Rhode Island Bar Exam

Clerk, Supreme Court  
Providence County Courthouse  
250 Benefit Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
Telephone: (401) 222-4233

[www.courts.state.ri.us](http://www.courts.state.ri.us)

Bar Exam Format

The Rhode Island Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

**Day 1:** The local day consists of 1 Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question, 3 Rhode Island essay questions, and 6 Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions.

**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

## **Rhode Island Essay Subjects**

Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Creditors' Rights, Domestic Relations, Equity, Partnerships, RI Practice & Procedure, Secured Transactions, Trusts, Wills, Federal Jurisdiction plus all MBE subjects.

## **Multistate Performance Test**

"Closed Universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28



## Filing Fees and Deadlines

**Feb. 2010 exam:** POSTMARKED by Dec. 1. No extensions.

**July 2010 exam:** POSTMARKED by May 1. No extensions.

**Exam fee:** \$450

## Grading and Results

A scaled score of 130 on the MBE is required to pass. The scaled scores of the MBE, MPT and essays are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score of 276. Results are generally released in mid-May for February exam and mid-October for July exam.

## Reciprocity

### **Admission on Motion**

Rhode Island does not provide for admission on motion. Examination is required of all applicants. If an attorney has practiced 5 out of the 10 years immediately preceding application, only the Rhode Island essay exam and MPT portion of the exam is required. (This format requires a scaled score of 138 to pass.)

### **Acceptance of MBE Score**

Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score from concurrent exam only.

### **Miscellaneous**

Applicants must complete a training course offered by the Rhode Island Bar for admission.

# South Carolina Bar Exam Information

South Carolina Board of Law Examiners

South Carolina Bar Examiners  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Telephone: (803) 734-1080

[www.sccourts.org](http://www.sccourts.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The South Carolina Bar Exam is a 3-day exam.

**Day 1 and 2:** Essay questions testing on six subject areas. The topics tested within each subject vary with each administration.

**Day 3:** 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.

**South Carolina Essay Subjects:** Business Law, Civil Procedure, Commercial Law, Domestic Relations, Equity, Insurance, Wills, Trusts & Estates.

## Bar Exam Dates

The South Carolina Bar Exam is administered on the last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

**2011 Winter:** February 21 - 23

**2011 Summer:** July 25 - 27

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by August 1st until September 30th for the February exam, and by December 1st until January 31st for the July exam.

**February Exam Fees:** Application filed from August 1 to August 31 - \$400. Application filed September 1 to September 30 - \$750.

**July Exam Fees:** Application filed from December 1 to January 10 - \$400. Application filed January 11 to January 31 - \$750.

**Attorney Applicants:** Applicable exam fee plus cost of NCBE character report of \$500.

## Grading and Results

The MBE accounts for 1 of 7 parts of the exam. The essays account for the remaining 6 parts. Applicant must pass 6 of the 7 parts to pass the entire exam. The minimum MBE scaled score required is 125. Minimum passing score on the essay is 70. A scaled MBE score of 110 or less is an automatic failure. Results are generally released in late April for the February exam and late October for the July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** South Carolina does not provide for admission on motion. In narrow situations, a special application may be made by a dean or tenured professor of the University of South Carolina. Contact the Supreme Court of South Carolina for more information. Otherwise, exam required of all applicants.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score from concurrent exam only.

# South Dakota Bar Exam Information

South Dakota Board of Bar Examiners

**South Dakota Bar Exam  
Board of Bar Examiners**

State Capitol  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
(605) 773-4898  
[www.sdjudicial.com](http://www.sdjudicial.com)

## Bar Exam Format

The South Dakota Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions, five Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions, and one Indian Law question.

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

## Subjects Tested

<b>MBE Subjects:</b>	Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, Torts.
<b>MEE/ South Dakota Essay Subjects:</b>	Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts & Future Interests, Wills & Estates, <i>plus</i> all MBE subjects.
<b>Indian Law:</b>	Basic principles of federal Indian Law; including but not limited to civil law and criminal jurisdiction, the Indian Civil Rights Act, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Tribal laws or customary laws are not tested.
<b>Multistate Performance Test:</b>	"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

The South Dakota bar application must be filed by **November 1** for the February exam and by **April 1** for the July exam. The exam fee is **\$300**

## Grading and Results

Day 1 and Day 2 are averaged. Results for the February and July exams are released 8-10 weeks after the exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be eligible for admission on motion if (s)he is over the age of 18, has graduated from an ABA accredited school, has been in the active practice of law for the last five years, and meets additional requirement as enumerated in SDCL 16-16-12.1 and 12.2.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Acceptance of MBE Score: Board may in its discretion accept MBE scaled score of 130 or higher if MBE taken within 25 months prior to next scheduled exam and if applicant passed the other jurisdiction's exam.

# Tennessee Bar Exam Information

Tennessee Board of Law Examiners

706 Church Street, Suite 100  
Nashville, TN 37243-0740

Telephone: (615) 741-3234  
[www.state.tn.us/lawexaminers](http://www.state.tn.us/lawexaminers)

Bar Exam Format

**The Tennessee Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.**

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

**Day 2:** 12 essay questions

Subjects Tested

## **MBE Subjects**

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

## **Tennessee Essay Subjects**

Agency, Civil Procedure (State & Federal), Commercial Paper & Bulk Transfers, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Domestic Relations or Personal Status, Partnerships, Personal Property, Professional Responsibility, Restitution & Remedies, Sales, Secured Transactions, State Constitutional Law, Wills & Estates, plus all MBE subjects

Bar Exam Dates

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

**2011 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2011 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Notice of intent to take the exam must be filed by October 1st for the February exam and by March 1st for the July exam. Application for the exam must be filed by November 15th for the February exam and by April 15th for the July exam. No application will be accepted unless notice of intent has been duly filed.

Application fee: \$80

Exam fee: \$300 plus current fees charged by the National Conference of Bar Examiners for character and fitness application.

Re-take: \$200

## Grading and Results

With MBE score of 125, applicant must pass 9 of 12 essays; with MBE score of 130 must pass 8 of 12 essays; with MBE score of 135 must pass 7 of 12 essays. Results are generally released in mid-April for February exam and mid-October for July exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** May be admitted from other states after having actively practiced in the jurisdiction in which previously licensed for five years. Must have a present intent to actively practice law in Tennessee and be a graduate of an ABA accredited law school.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Tennessee will accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction, for concurrent exam only.

## Miscellaneous

A request for permission to sit concurrently for the MBE in another state and the essay exam in Tennessee must be made in writing to the Board.

# Texas Bar Exam Information

Texas Board of Law Examiners

P.O. Box 13486  
Austin, TX 78711-3486  
Telephone: (512) 463-1621  
<http://www.ble.state.tx.us/>

## Bar Exam Format

The Texas Bar Exam is a 2½ day exam.

**Day 1:** a 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question and a 90-minute Procedure/Evidence exam.

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

**Day 3:** Twelve essay questions tested over six hours.

## Subjects Tested

### **Multistate Performance Test (day one)**

"Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners

### **Procedure & Evidence Exam: Short Answer/Objective Subjects (day one)**

Civil Procedure (including federal and state court jurisdiction, pleading and practice), Criminal Procedure, Evidence

### **Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) Subjects (day two)**

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

### **Texas Essay Subjects (day three)**

Bankruptcy,\* Business Associations (agency, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, professional associations), Consumer Rights, Family Law, Real Property (including oil and gas), Taxation (income, estate, gift),\* Trusts & Guardianships, UCC, Wills & Administration.

\* *Cross-over topics*



## Bar Exam Dates

The Texas Bar Exam is administered on the last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in February and July.

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 29

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be timely filed by August 30 for the February exam, and by January 30 for the July exam. Late applications are accepted with \$150 additional fee until October 30 for the February exam and March 30 for the July exam.

### **Exam fees:**

The following categories of applicants must submit the following application fees payable to the Board of Law Examiners:

In-state law students: **\$300**

Out-of-state law students: **\$415**

Attorneys licensed elsewhere: **\$1040**

Attorneys for admission without exam: **\$890**

Attorneys licensed in a foreign nation: **\$1140**

## Grading and Results

MBE (weighted 40%), essay (weighted 40%), MPT (weighted 10%) and Procedure/Evidence exam (weighted 10%) are combined. A passing score requires a minimum of 675 whole scaled points out of 1,000. Applicants must pass exam in its entirety. Results are generally released in early May for February exam and early November for July exam.

## Reciprocity

### **Admission on Motion**

May be admitted without exam if actively engaged in the practice of law for at least 5 of 7 years immediately preceding application; have a JD from an ABA accredited law school; have a valid, active license and have been a member in good standing at all times.

### **Acceptance of MBE Score**

Texas does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

# Utah Bar Exam Information

Utah State Bar Office of Admissions

645 South 200 East  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3834  
Telephone: (801) 531-9077  
[www.utahbar.org](http://www.utahbar.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The Utah Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Two sessions each consisting of one 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) followed by four 30-minute essay questions. The essays can be taken from the Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) or may be drafted by the Utah examiners.

**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.

**Essay Subjects:** Administrative Law, Agency, civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Creditor/Debtor Rights, Estate Planning (including tax aspects), Ethics, Family Law, Partnerships, UCC (Articles 2, 3 and 9), Wills, Trusts & Future Interests plus all MBE subjects

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications should be filed by October 1 for February exam and March 1 for July exam. May be filed up until 15 days after deadline with \$100 late fee and up to 30 days after deadline with \$300 late fee.

**Application Fee:** \$25

**Student applicant/not admitted in another jurisdiction:** \$550

**Attorney Applicant:** \$850

## Grading and Results

MBE and written scores are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing scaled score of 270. Results are generally released two months after the exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Utah may admit lawyers from other states of the U.S. under conditions substantially similar to the procedures under which Utah lawyers could be admitted to the bar of another state without taking that state's bar. Attorneys who have actively practiced 4 of 5 years preceding application are not required to take the MBE. For complete details contact the Utah State Bar.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Utah accepts an MBE score from a concurrent exam only.

# Vermont Bar Exam Information

Vermont Board of Bar Examiners

2418 Airport Rd., Suite 2  
Barre, VT 05641  
Telephone: (802) 828-3281

[www.vermontjudiciary.org](http://www.vermontjudiciary.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The Vermont Bar Exam is a 2 day exam.

**Day 1:** two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and 4 essay questions.

**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

### **Vermont Essay Subjects**

Administrative Law, Agency, Bankruptcy, Commercial Paper, Corporations, Equity, Family Law, Legal Ethics, Partnerships, Personal Property, Secured Transactions, Taxation, Trusts, VT Practice & Procedure, Wills, plus all MBE subjects

### **Multistate Performance Test**

"Closed universe" practical problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

**Feb. 2010 exam:** POSTMARKED by Dec. 1 (Late filing is allowed).

**July 2010 exam:** POSTMARKED by May 1 (Late filing is allowed).

Send a written request for an application accompanied by a check for \$15 to the Board of Bar Examiners.

**Exam fee:** \$240

## Grading and Results

Applicant must receive a passing score on both parts of the exam. Applicant must achieve a scaled score of 135 on the MBE and either a raw score of 36 out of 60 or a scaled score of 135 on the essays. Results are released within 56 days after the exam.

## Reciprocity

### **Admission on Motion**

Applicant may be admitted without exam. Must have practiced 5 of 10 years (or reciprocal state's time period if three years or more) immediately preceding application. Special rules for New Hampshire attorneys.

### **Acceptance of MBE Score**

Effective 9/5/06, beginning with the February 2007 bar exam, applicants may transfer MBE scaled score of 135 or higher from another jurisdiction, provided that exam was taken within the previous four consecutive administrations.

### **Miscellaneous**

Three month study with Vermont attorney required of most applicants. Applicant must complete all work required for graduation prior to sitting for exam.

# Virginia Bar Exam Information

Virginia Board of Bar Examiners

2201 West Broad Street  
Suite 101  
Richmond, VA 23220-2022  
Telephone: (804) 367-0412  
[www.vbbe.state.va.us](http://www.vbbe.state.va.us)

## Bar Exam Format

The Virginia Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** 20 short answer questions and nine essay questions.

**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.

### **Virginia Essay/Short Answer Subjects:**

Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Creditors' Rights, Domestic Relations, Equity, Federal Jurisdiction, Local Government Law, Partnerships, Personal Property, Professional Responsibility, Secured Transactions, Suretyship, Taxation, Trusts, VA Practice & Procedure, Wills, plus all MBE subjects. Candidates must demonstrate knowledge of Virginia law on the essay section of the bar exam.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2011 Winter:** February 22 - 23

**2011 Summer:** July 26 - 27

## VIRGINIA STATE BAR EXAM

### Filing Fees and Deadlines

### Bar Exam Application:

The application forms should be downloaded from the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners web site. Applications must be received in the Office of the Secretary on or before December 15 for the February exam and on or before May 10th for the July exam. No late applications are accepted.

**Exam fee:** \$375

Character & Fitness Certification:

- \$175 if filed within 14 months of the start of law school;
- \$290 if filed between the 15th month and one year after receipt of J.D., provided applicant has not been admitted to practice law in any jurisdiction at the time of filing;
- \$325 for all other applicants.

Grading and Results

The MBE score (weighted 40%) and the essay score (weighted 60%) are combined to determine if applicant has achieved a passing score. Results are generally released in late April for February exam and mid to late October for July exam.

Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** Contact the Board of Bar Examiners at (804)367-0412 for information on reciprocity or admission on motion.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Virginia does not accept an MBE score from an exam taken in another jurisdiction.

# Washington Bar Exam Information

Washington Board of Law Examiners

Contact the **WSBA Service Center** from 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

## **Washington State Bar Association**

1325 Fourth Ave., Suite. 600

Seattle, WA 98101-2539

Local: (206) 443-WSBA (9722)

Toll Free: (800) 945-WSBA (9722)

Fax: (206) 727-8320

[www.wsba.org](http://www.wsba.org)

[questions@wsba.org](mailto:questions@wsba.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The Washington State Bar Examination consists of 24 essay questions, spread over **two-and-one-half days**. Each of the first two days includes three examination sessions of **two hours and fifteen minutes**. Each of those examination sessions includes three essay questions. The third day of the bar examination consists of a single **two-hour-and-fifteen-minute** session comprised of six short essay questions on the Washington Rules of Professional Conduct.

There is no multi-state bar examination (MBE or MPRE) given or accepted in the state of Washington.

## Subjects Tested

Administrative Law

Agency/Partnership

Civil Procedure

Commercial Paper (Article 3)

Community Property

Constitutional Law (State & Federal)

Contracts

Corporations

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure

Evidence

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Family Law

Indian Law

Limited Liability Companies

Real & Personal Property

Rules of Professional Conduct

Sales (Article 2)

Secured Transactions (Article 9)

Torts

Wills & Trusts

Zoning

Bar Exam Locations & Dates

**Summer 2011 Exam**

Meydenbauer Center

Bellevue, Washington

Spokane Convention Center

Spokane, Washington

Summer exam generally administered the last week of July.

Exam dates: July 26-28, 2011

**Winter 2011 Exam**

Meydenbauer Center

Bellevue, Washington

Winter exam generally administered the last week of February.

Exam dates: February 22-25, 2011

Filing Fees and Deadlines

All Winter 2011 applications must be received by October 25<sup>th</sup> (Applicants who have taken, but do not pass, the July 2010 exam will be given an extended application period with no late filing fee. Their filing deadline will be stated in their results letter mailed on October 15, 2010. All Summer 2011 applications

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

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

must be received by March 28<sup>th</sup>. Applicants who register any time after the appropriate filing deadline must pay an additional late filing fee penalty. Late filing applications need to be received by November 28<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> respectively along with the late filing fee.

Exam fee: **\$585**

Attorney applicants: **\$920**

Late filing fee: additional **\$300**

## Grading and Results

### **Passing Grade**

To pass the Washington State Bar Examination, an examinee must pass both the substantive examination (the first two days) and the professional responsibility examination (the last day). Each portion of the examination is graded separately. If an examinee passes one portion of the examination, but fails the other, he or she may retake the failed portion of the examination at the next regularly scheduled Washington State Bar Examination. Both portions must be passed within a 25 month period or the passing score will be lost.

### **Results**

Examination results are generally not known until approximately two months after the bar examination. Generally, results for the Summer examination are released in the beginning of October, and for the Winter examination, in the beginning of May. A letter advising you of the results of the examination will be mailed to you at the last address that you have provided to the WSBA. Forty-eight (48) hours after the letters are mailed, the pass list will be released to the press, posted in the Bar Office, and posted on the general bar examination page of the WSBA website.

## Reciprocity

### **Admission on Motion**

It is possible for Washington lawyers to become admitted to practice in some other jurisdictions without being required to take the full bar exam under Rule 18 admission. The jurisdictions include AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DC, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MA, ME, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, SD, TN, TX, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY. The rule provides that lawyers from other states or territories or in the District of Columbia may be admitted in Washington on the same conditions that a Washington lawyer may be admitted in the other jurisdiction. Most jurisdictions require a number of years of practice for admission on motion. Some include the following: Idaho – 3 of the past 5 years; Oregon – 5 of the past 7 years; Utah - 3 of the past 4 years.

# West Virginia Bar Exam Information

West Virginia Board of Law Examiners

910 Quarrier Street  
Suite 212, Davidson Bldg.  
Charleston, WV 25301  
Telephone: (304) 558-7815  
[www.state.wv.us/wvsca](http://www.state.wv.us/wvsca)

## Bar Exam Format

The West Virginia Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and six Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions.

**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.

**MEE Essay Subjects:** Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Corporations, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts & Future Interests, Wills, plus all MBE subjects.

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications should be filed by November 1st for the February exam and by April 1st for the July exam. Applications accepted (with late fee of \$150) until the final deadline of December 1st for February and May 1st for July.

Application packet fee: \$40  
Student application filing fee: \$375  
Attorney application fee: \$500  
Reciprocity application fee: \$1,000

In addition to these fees, there is an NCBE Character Report fee.

## Grading and Results

All answers to the MPT and the MEE will be graded and the scores combined. The total MPT/MEE raw score will be scaled and combined with the MBE scaled score to determine if an applicant has achieved a passing score of 270. Results are released approximately 6-8 weeks after the exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted without exam from jurisdictions with admission standards substantially equivalent to those of West Virginia. Applicant must have practiced for 5 of the 7 years immediately preceding application, passed MPRE and be a graduate of an ABA credited law school.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** An applicant may transfer MBE scaled score from a previous successful exam taken within the 13 months of present exam.

# Wisconsin Bar Exam Information

Wisconsin Board of Law Examiners

110 East Main Street  
Madison, WI 53703  
Tel. 608-266-9760  
www.wicourts.gov

## Bar Exam Format

The Wisconsin Bar Exam is a 2-day exam.

**Day 1:** Typically, a combination of one 90 minute multistate performance test (mpt) problem and six essay questions. This can change at the discretion of the Board of Bar Examiners.

**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.

**Wisconsin Essay Subjects:** Business Organizations (corporations, partnerships, associations, sole proprietorships), Civil Procedure (pleadings and practice, jurisdiction of courts), Commercial Law (sales and secured transactions and negotiable instruments), Constitutional Law (federal), Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Real Property, Torts, Taxation (federal), Trusts & Estates, Family Law (Domestic Relations).

**Multistate Performance Test:** "Closed universe" practical problem using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

## Bar Exam Dates

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

**2010 Winter:** February 23 - 24

**2010 Summer:** July 27 - 28

## Filing Fees and Deadlines

Applications must be filed by December 1st for the February exam, and by June 1st for the July exam. Late applications are accepted for one month after deadline with \$150 additional fee.

**Application packet fee:** \$10

**Exam fee:** \$450

**Admission on motion:** \$850

## Grading and Results

A combined scaled score of 258 is required to pass. The scaled score may be achieved through any combination of scores on either portion of the exam (e.g., 120 scaled essay score + 138 scaled MBE score = 258). Results are generally released five (5) weeks after the exam is given.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** An applicant may be admitted on motion without exam from states that admit Wisconsin practicing attorneys without exam. Applicant must also satisfy originating jurisdiction's requirements for admission on motion.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score of 135 or higher achieved on an exam taken within 37 months of the present exam and part of a successful exam. Applicant will only be required to sit for the written portions of the exam.

**MPRE:** Currently, the MPRE is not required in Wisconsin.

**Miscellaneous:** Applicant may take exam prior to graduation if degree is received within 60 days after exam.

# Wyoming Bar Exam Information

Wyoming Board of Law Examiners

P.O. Box 109  
Cheyenne, WY 82003-0109  
Telephone: (307) 632-9061  
[www.wyomingbar.org](http://www.wyomingbar.org)

## Bar Exam Format

The Wyoming Bar Exam is a 1 1/2-day exam.

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

**Day 2:** Four hour essay session with 11 questions of which applicant must answer 10.

## Subjects Tested

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

**Wyoming Essay Subjects:** Administrative Law, Business Organization, Civil Procedure, Commercial Paper, Domestic Relations, Mortgages, Oil & Gas, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts & Estates, Water Law plus all MBE subjects.

## Bar Exam Dates

The Wyoming 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

Must be filed by November 15 for February exam and by April 15 for July exam. No late filing allowed.

**Exam fee:** \$450 plus the appropriate NCBE Character Report fee.

## Grading and Results

Minimum MBE scaled score of 130, an average score of 70% on the essays plus a grade of 70 or higher on at least 6 of the 10 essays is required to pass. A score on the MBE or essay section that meets minimum requirement may be preserved for 3 years. Results are generally released 8-10 weeks after the exam.

## Reciprocity

**Admission on Motion:** A member in good standing of a reciprocating state bar may be admitted on motion if applicant has engaged in active practice of law 5 of 7 years preceding application and is a graduate of an ABA accredited law school. For complete details contact the Wyoming State Bar website.

**Acceptance of MBE Score:** Applicant may transfer MBE scaled score of 130 or higher achieved within three years of present exam.