

Michigan Bar Exam Information

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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 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.