

Ohio Bar Exam Information

Ohio Supreme Court

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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

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.