

# Virginia Bar Exam Information

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## 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

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### 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.