

Oregon Bar Exam Information

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BAR EXAM FORMAT

The Oregon bar exam is a two-day exam.

Day 1: Six 30-minute essay questions (MEE or OR) 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, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts

MEE/OR Essay Subjects:

Administrative Law (State and Federal), Agency, Civil Procedure (State and Federal), Corporations, Evidence (State and Federal), Federal Income Taxation, Oregon Legal Ethics, Partnerships, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts and Estates, Wills, plus all MBE subjects

Multistate Performance Test:

“Closed universe” practical questions using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes and other reference material supplied by examiners.

MPRE:

A scaled score of 85 on the MPRE is required for admission.

BAR EXAMINATION DATE

The Oregon bar exam is administered twice each year on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February and July

Winter 2016: February 23 - 24

Spring 2016: July 26 – 27

FILING DEADLINES AND FEES

Applications must be filed by November 15 for the February exam and April 15 for the July exam. Late filing is allowed until December 15 for the February exam and May 15 for the July exam with a \$350 fee.

Exam fee:

\$625 (includes investigative fee) Attorney applicants, whether active or inactive, must pay \$1,050

GRADING AND RESULTS

The MBE (weighted 50%), the essays (weighted 25%) and the MPT (weighted 25%) are combined to determine if applicant has passed. A passing score is 142 on a 200-point scale for the MBE. Results are generally released in early April for February exam and early September for July exam.

RECIPROCITY

Admission on Motion

Lawyers from specific 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 exam (Rule 15.05). Visit osbar.org for list of qualifying states. Must have practiced law for five of the past seven years.

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. House counsel application fee is \$1,050.