

North Dakota Bar Exam Information

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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

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.