

Bar Exam Snapshot: Florida*

<http://www.floridabarexam.org/>

Bar exam

2010 exam dates/ location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24 - Tuesday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 28 - Exams given at Tampa Convention Center
Subject matter (MBE in bold)	<p>Contracts, Corporations, Evidence, Family Law, Florida and Federal Constitutional Law, Florida and Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, Florida Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules Regulating Trust Accounts, Partnerships, Real Property, Torts, Trusts, and Wills and Administration of Estates (all topics include equitable aspects)</p>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday = state portion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three essays (one hour each) - 100 multiple choice questions (tested over three hours) - Wednesday = MBE (six hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 200 total multiple choice questions (100 each administered in morning/afternoon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 33 questions in Contracts and Torts - 31 questions in Con Law, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, and Real Property - 190 graded questions, 10 experimental questions (indistinguishable) - 1.8 minutes per question
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50% essay/multiple choice and 50% MBE - Minimum scaled score of 136
MPRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum score = 80 - Must take within 25 months of passing bar
Pass %	July 2008 = 83% first time takers, 75% all takers
Other	Florida Bar Exam Virtual Tour available on Board website – very helpful

Bar exam application

Contact info	<p>Florida Board of Bar Examiners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postal service: 1891 Eider Court, Tallahassee, FL 32399 - FedEx or other delivery service: 1891 Eider Court, Tallahassee, FL 32308 - 850.487.1292, available 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST, Monday – Friday
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Deadlines/ fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TIMELY received/postmarked by November 15 (fees start at \$375) - \$275 late fee by December 15, \$525 late fee by January 15 - July exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TIMELY received/postmarked by May 1 (fees start at \$375) - \$275 late fee by June 1, \$525 late fee by June 15 - Fees must be paid by check
Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must complete application online - Can print supporting forms from website - Paper applications are not available - To be considered timely filed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First-time applicants must file Bar Application - Registrants must file Supplement to Bar Application and Conversion Application - Some documents can be faxed, others cannot – check website - Do not send duplicates - Cannot confirm receipt of application via phone - Must submit current 2 x 2 inch photograph - Must submit transcript from degree-awarding undergrad institution
Character and Fitness reqs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fingerprints, \$58.25 fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be done electronically by Integrated Biometric Technology (32 locations in FL) - Provisions for out of state applicants (see website) - Must amend application within 30 days of occurrence that changes answer to any question
Student Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First year students can register with Board after first semester - Deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - August/September start date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$75 fee by January 15, \$300 fee by March 15 - January/February start date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$75 fee by June 15, \$300 fee by August 15 - May/June start date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$75 fee by October 15, \$300 fee by December 15
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laptop program available to all interested, \$100 fee - Video surveillance and metal detectors present at exam site - \$2.00 per item for storage at convention center

Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Posted on website for 30 days - Posted by applicant file number - Scores are mailed on same day pass list is posted to website - Results available mid-April for February exam and mid-September for July exam
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*** All state bar exam information is subject to change without notice; please verify with bar examiner's office.**