

## Bar Exam Snapshot:

### Iowa\*

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#### Bar exam

2010 exam dates/location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monday, February 22, Tuesday, February 23, and Wednesday, February 24</li> <li>- Monday, July 26, Tuesday, July 27, and Wednesday, July 28</li> <li>- Exams given at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines</li> </ul>
MEE subjects (MBE in bold)	<p>Business Associations (Agency and Partnership, and Corporations and LLCs), Conflict of Laws, <b>Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence</b>, Family Law, Federal Civil Procedure, <b>Real Property, Torts</b>, Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates, and Trusts and Future Interests), and Uniform Commercial Code (Negotiable Instruments and Secured Transactions)</p>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monday = orientation session and mandatory applicant registration, 1:00 – 3:30 PM</li> <li>- Tuesday = two MPTs in morning, six MEE questions in afternoon</li> <li>- Wednesday = MBE             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 200 total multiple choice questions (100 each administered in morning/afternoon)                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 33 questions in Contracts and Torts</li> <li>- 31 questions in Con Law, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, and Real Property</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 190 graded questions, 10 experimental questions (indistinguishable)</li> <li>- 1.8 minutes per question</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Scoring	Board does not release grading formula
MPRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum passing score = 80</li> <li>- Score must be on file with Office of Professional Regulation before candidate can sit for exam</li> <li>- If candidate has not achieved this score prior to application deadline, must submit with his or her application a petition or letter to the Iowa Supreme Court requesting leave to submit late MPRE score</li> <li>- MPRE scores are good for three years</li> </ul>
Pass %	July 2008 = 87% first time takers, 78% all takers
Other	<p>Laptop option available to all interested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must provide intent to use laptop on application (Question 26)</li> <li>- Specific information provided after all applications are received</li> </ul>

## Bar exam application

Contact info	<p>Direct inquiries to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- David Ewert, Office of Professional Regulation, Judicial Branch Building, Second Floor, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319</li> <li>- 515.725.8029</li> <li>- bar.admission@iowacourts.gov</li> </ul>
Deadlines/ fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Candidates must register as law students/pay applicable fee before bar application will be processed</li> <li>- Law student registration             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If file by November 1 of first year of law school = \$25 registration fee</li> <li>- If file by July 1 immediately preceding February exam or by December 1 immediately preceding July exam = \$75 late registration fee</li> <li>- If file by November 1 immediately preceding February exam or by April 1 immediately preceding July exam = \$150 late late registration fee</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Bar exam application             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deadlines: November 1 for February exam, April 1 for July exam</li> <li>- \$325 fee</li> </ul> </li> <li>- All deadlines are "received" dates</li> <li>- All checks should be made payable to "Board of Law Examiners"</li> </ul>
Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application requirements             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law Student Registration</li> <li>- Graduation from ABA-accredited law school</li> <li>- MPRE score of 80 or above</li> <li>- Intention to practice law in Iowa</li> <li>- Requisite character and fitness to practice law</li> <li>- Fingerprint Card</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Board does not confirm receipt of application – instead it recommends a delivery system that offers tracking and requires a signature upon delivery; candidates may also file application in person between 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday</li> <li>- Board mails letter advising candidates of eligibility approximately one month prior to exam</li> </ul>

## Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board does not make public the date it releases results</li> <li>- Results are posted by name to the Board's website</li> </ul>
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**\* All state bar exam information is subject to change without notice; please verify with bar examiner's office.**