

Bar Exam Snapshot:

Illinois*

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Bar exam

2010 exam dates/loc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24 - Tuesday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 28 - Various sites in Chicago within four to eight blocks of Water Tower
Subject matter (MBE in bold)	<p>Administrative Law, Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Corporations, Criminal Law/Procedure, Equity, Evidence, Family Law, Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure, Federal Taxation, Illinois Civil Procedure, Partnerships, Personal Property, Real Property, Secured Transactions, Suretyship, Torts, Trusts and Future Interests, and Wills (Decedents' Estates)</p>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday = written portion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Morning = three 30-minute Illinois essays, one 90-minute MPT - Afternoon = six 30-minute MEE questions - Wednesday = MBE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 200 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	Essays = approximately 43%, MPT = approximately 7%, MBE = approximately 50%
MPRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum score = 80 - Must have earned the lesser of 60 credit hours or two-thirds of credits required for JD before sitting for MPRE (translation: for most applicants, cannot sit any sooner than August preceding commencement of final year of law school) - Need not take MPRE before the bar exam, but Board must receive proof of passing score before it can recommend admission to bar
Pass %	July 2008 = 92% first time takers, 88% all takers
Other	Laptop program available to limited number of examinees for \$100 fee

Bar exam application

<p>Contact info</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IL Board of Admissions to the Bar, 625 South College St., Springfield, IL 62704 - 217-522-5917, available 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM, Monday – Friday - This is the address where you send your paper application materials! - Application is assigned to file processing team – can find team assignment on website and contact with questions directly via email/phone
<p>Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LSR (Law Student Registration) = March 1 if matriculate in fall, July 1 if matriculate in January - Exam application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular: February 1 for July exam, September 1 for February exam - Late: February 2 thru April 1 for July exam, September 2 thru November 1 for February exam - Really late: April 2 thru May 31 for July exam, November 2 thru December 31 for Feb. exam - These are POSTMARK deadlines! - Use of “delivery confirmation” encouraged as Board will not otherwise verify receipt - Applications acknowledged by email within two to four weeks of receipt
<p>Fees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LSR = \$100 during first year, \$450 during second year - Exam application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously filed LSR = \$250 - Did not previously file LSR = \$700 - Late: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously filed LSR = \$500 - Did not previously file LSR = \$950 - Really late: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously filed LSR = \$1,000 - Did not previously file LSR = \$1,450 - Submit via credit card (\$15 convenience fee per charge) OR via certified check, cashier’s check, or money order payable to “Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar”
<p>Forms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forms posted in January for July exam, August for February exam - Character and Fitness Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long form – for LSR or non-LSR exam applicants (filed electronically) - Short form – for LSR exam applicants (filed electronically) - Illinois State Police Criminal History form (filed electronically) - Authorization and Release form – complete, sign, and date before notary (filed in paper form) - Dean’s Certificate – Dean completes (filed in paper form)
<p>Character and Fitness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board strongly recommends that any applicant with matters of Character and Fitness register immediately following commencement of law school - If applicant does not register during first year and has no matters of Character and Fitness concern, no financial advantage in registering after first year (translation: best to bypass registration and postpone filing Character and Fitness application until file exam application)

Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will receive email message with detailed instructions and link to seat voucher approximately two weeks before exam - Applicant responsible for reviewing announcements/info posted to website, maintaining current email address, regularly reading email sent to that address, and adding "ibaby.org" to address book (to keep email out of spam folder)
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Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July exam results mailed and posted to website during first two weeks of October - February exam results mailed and posted to website during first two weeks of April
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