

Bar Exam Snapshot:

Massachusetts*

<http://www.mass.gov/bbe/>

Bar exam

2010 exam dates/locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 25 - Wednesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 29 - World Trade Center/Seaport Hotel in Boston - Western New England College of Law in Springfield
Subject matter (MBE in bold)	Agency, Business Organizations, Constitutional Law , Contracts , Criminal Law , Descent & Distribution of Estates, Domestic Relations, Evidence (including Federal Rules) , Federal Jurisdiction, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Real Property (including Mortgages), Torts , Trusts, Wills, Unfair or Deceptive Practices, and the Uniform Commercial Code
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday = MBE (six hours total) <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 - Thursday = 10 essay questions
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MBE and essay scores are combined - Passing score = 270
MPRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum passing score = 85 - Must achieve passing score BEFORE filing application
Pass %	July 2008 = first time takers = 92%, 86% all takers

Bar exam application

Contact info	<p>Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suffolk County Courthouse, 3 Pemberton Square, 7th Floor, Ste. 707, Boston, MA 02108 - 617.482.4466
Deadlines/fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two options to obtain "Petition for Admission": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1) Download PDF version at Board's website – print before completing - 2) Complete online version – print after completing - \$815 fee payable to "Commonwealth of Massachusetts" – certified check or money order - Applications must be RECEIVED (NOT POSTMARKED) by December 11 (for February 2010 exam) - Mail to: Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, Clerk Maura S. Doyle, John Adams Courthouse, 1st Floor, One Pemberton Square, Ste. 1300, Boston, MA 02108
Forms	Petition for Admission requires your signature and signature of recommending attorney
Character and Fitness req	Need two Letters of Recommendation
Springfield Seating Request Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If want to take exam in Springfield, must submit Seating Request Form by December 11 (for February 2010 exam) – RECEIVED, NOT POSTMARKED - Mail to: Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners, Suffolk County Courthouse, 3 Pemberton Square, 7th Floor, Ste. 707, Boston, MA 02108
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board accepts concurrent MBE score - Applicants will receive site, seating, and other information approximately two to three weeks prior to the exam (NOTE: no admission ticket!)

Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results are mailed and posted to Board's website - Results released mid-May for February exam, mid-November 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.