

Bar Exam Snapshot: Maryland*

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Bar exam

2010 exam dates/locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24 – Baltimore Convention Center - Tuesday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 28 – multiple sites TBD as Convention Center will not be available
Subject matter (MBE in bold)	Agency, Business Associations, Commercial Transactions, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure , Corporations, Evidence , Family Law, Maryland Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Real Property , and Torts
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday = written portion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 essays - MPT - Wednesday = MBE <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"> - Each essay = six points - MPT = 12 points - Essay and MPT scaled up to 200 points and weighted twice as much as MBE - Total score of 600 points - Applicant must score 406 points to pass
MPRE	NOT REQUIRED
Pass %	July 2008 = 88% first time takers, 82% all takers
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May transfer concurrent MBE score - No digital watches permitted

Bar exam application

Contact info	<p>Maryland Board of Law Examiners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2011-F Commerce Park Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401 - 410.260.3640 - sble@courts.state.md.us
Deadlines/fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For February exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline = September 15, \$225 (+ \$250 Original Petition fee) - Late deadline = December 21, \$275 (+ \$250 Original Petition fee) - For July exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline = January 19, \$225 (+ \$250 Original Petition fee) - Late deadline = May 20, \$275 (+ \$250 Original Petition fee) - Dates are RECEIVED – not postmarked - Final transcript due: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 15 for February exam - September 1 for July exam - Board will not confirm receipt of application over the phone - If want to confirm receipt of application use delivery confirmation or include self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard
Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Step 1: Application for Admission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Part 1: Certificate of College (Pre-Legal) Education - Part 2: Character Questionnaire (must be notarized) - Step 2: Original Petition – certifies that you will graduate - Step 3: Final transcript – send immediately after bar
Character and Fitness	Board interviews all applicants
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laptop program for all interested, \$118.50 fee - Essays must be written in ink - Use one side of page only - May keep essay questions but must return MPT materials

Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results released early May for February exam, early November for July exam - Board discloses scores only if fail
Affirmation	Form requiring disclosure of any changes to Character Questionnaire is included with results - must be returned within 10 days of when results were mailed even if no changes to report
Professionalism course	Must attend professionalism course presented by Maryland Bar Association prior to being admitted to the bar – there is a fee for this course
Licensing	Must take oath (within 24 months) – there is a fee for preparation of bar admission certificate

*** All state bar exam information is subject to change without notice; please verify with bar examiner's office.**