

## Bar Exam Snapshot: Michigan\*

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### Bar exam

2010 exam dates/location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24</li> <li>- Tuesday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 28</li> <li>- Michigan State University in East Lansing (Kellogg Center in February, Breslin Center in July)</li> </ul>
Subject matter (MBE in <b>bold</b> )	<p><b>Real and Personal Property</b>; Wills and Trusts; <b>Contracts</b>; <b>Constitutional Law</b>; <b>Criminal Law and Procedure</b>; Corporations; Partnerships; Agency; <b>Evidence</b>; Creditor's Rights (including Mortgages, Garnishments, and Attachments); Practice and Procedure (trial and appellate, state and federal); Equity; <b>Torts</b> (including no-fault); UCC (Sales, Negotiable Instruments, and Secured Transactions); Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct; Domestic Relations; Conflict of Laws; and Worker's Comp</p>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tuesday = 15 essays (three hours in the morning, two hours in the afternoon)</li> <li>- Wednesday = MBE (six hours total) <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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Effective February 2009 exam, no candidate can pass exam solely on basis of MBE score – all essay answers are now graded</b></li> <li>- Each essay question worth 10 points, for total of 150 possible points</li> <li>- Essay scores are scaled to 200-point MBE scale</li> <li>- Combined score = (scaled essay total + MBE score)/2</li> <li>- Combined passing score = 135/200</li> </ul>
MPRE	Minimum score = 85, valid indefinitely
Pass %	February 2009 = 57% first time takers, 44% all takers
Other	- Concurrent MBE score accepted, must file written notice of intent to transfer score

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## Bar exam application

Contact info for Board (bar exam questions)	<p>Michigan Board of Law Examiners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- P.O. Box 30104, Lansing, MI 48909</li> <li>- 517.373.4453</li> <li>- ble-info@courts.mi.gov</li> </ul>
Contact info for C & F Dept. (application questions)	<p>State Bar of Michigan, Attn: Character &amp; Fitness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933 <b>(MAIL YOUR APPLICATION HERE)</b></li> <li>- 517.367.6510 or 517.346.6300</li> <li>- cfquestionsforms@mail.michbar.org</li> </ul>
Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applications can be filed as early as August 15 for February exam, January 15 for July exam</li> <li>- Application must be filed by November 1 for February exam, March 1 for July exam</li> <li>- Late applications accepted through December 15 for February exam, May 15 for July exam</li> </ul>
Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application fees: timely = \$340, late = timely fee + \$100 (\$440)</li> <li>- Investigation fees: timely = \$225, late = timely fee + \$100 (\$325)</li> <li>- Fingerprint processing fee = \$49.25</li> <li>- Application fee, investigation fee, and fingerprint processing fee must be paid via money order, cashier's check, or certified check made payable to "State of Michigan"</li> <li>- NCBE application fee = \$21, payable by Visa or MasterCard only</li> </ul>
Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bar Application Kit (available from State Bar of Michigan: <a href="http://www.michbar.org">www.michbar.org</a>) includes both application and forms</li> <li>- To confirm receipt of materials: send certified mail, return receipt requested and/or include a postage-paid, self-addressed postcard with application</li> <li>- Receive admission certificate first week of the month of the exam</li> </ul>
Character & Fitness req	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must have Character &amp; Fitness certification from every law school attended</li> <li>- Clearance is valid for three years</li> </ul>

## Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Results released mid-May for February exam, mid-November for July exam</li> <li>- Results posted to Board's website, not available over phone</li> <li>- Results valid for three years</li> <li>- Can request copy of essay questions, model answers, and your answers for \$20, money order or certified check</li> <li>- Can also request breakdown of MBE score</li> </ul>
Admission to bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must appear and present Board certification to Supreme Court or one of the circuit courts</li> <li>- Court enters order admitting applicant upon motion made in open court by licensed lawyer</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Must apply for membership in State Bar and pay dues</li><li>- Receive membership card bearing license number by return mail</li></ul> |
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**\* All state bar exam information is subject to change without notice; please verify with bar examiner's office.**