

## Bar Exam Snapshot: New Jersey\*

<http://www.njbarexams.org/bar1.htm>

### Bar exam

2010 exam dates/locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wednesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 25</li> <li>- Wednesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 29</li> <li>- Locations announced approximately two weeks prior to exam</li> </ul>
Subject matter (MBE in bold)	Civil Procedure, <b>Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts</b>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>- Thursday = seven essay questions</li> </ul>
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MBE = 50%, essays = 50%</li> <li>- Essay scores scaled to MBE</li> </ul>
Professional Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must receive a "C" or better in professional ethics course OR achieve minimum score of 75 on MPRE</li> <li>- If take MPRE, must provide Board with official score report</li> </ul>
Pass %	July 2008 = 87% first time takers, 82% all takers
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laptop lottery – check Board website approximately two months prior to exam for more information</li> <li>- Board accepts concurrent MBE scores – must request score transfer if not sitting for MBE in NJ – due February 1</li> </ul>

### Bar exam application

Contact info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board of Bar Examiners                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Addresses:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overnight delivery: Justice Complex, 25 West Market St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Wing, Trenton, NJ 08611</li> <li>- Certified/First Class/Express/Priority Mail via USPS: Board of Bar Examiners, P.O. Box 973, Trenton, NJ 08625</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 609.984.2111</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- February: timely = November 1, late = December 15</li> <li>- All dates are postmark/hand deliver dates</li> <li>- Proof of delivery strongly suggested</li> </ul>
Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- February exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- September 1 to November 2 = \$475</li> <li>- November 3 to November 12 = \$525</li> <li>- November 13 to November 23 = \$575</li> <li>- November 24 to December 4 = \$625</li> <li>- December 5 to December 15 = \$675</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Cashier's check or money order only , made payable to "Secretary, Board of Bar Examiners"</li> <li>- Fingerprint fee = \$49</li> </ul>
Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board prefers (but does not require) typed application</li> <li>- Turn in to Board: 1) Application (signed and notarized), 2) Authorization and Release (two originals signed and notarized), and 3) Certified Statement of Candidate (one signed original + one copy)</li> <li>- Address you provide on application will be used for site assignment for the exam and is part of the criteria to determine where you must be fingerprinted</li> <li>- Complete second set of materials must be submitted</li> <li>- Once application is received, Board sends acknowledgement packet (contains info on completing app.)</li> <li>- Receive admission ticket and site assignment approximately two to three weeks prior to exam (site assignments also posted on Board's website by Candidate Identification Number)</li> </ul>
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Driver's abstracts – must submit original complete record of your driving history in each state where you hold a license or have been licensed in the last seven years – due February 1</li> <li>-All candidates must be fingerprinted in order to perform criminal history search – criminal history searches are required every two years</li> <li>- Fingerprints are good for two years from exam date where first used – due February 1</li> <li>- Must submit proof of satisfaction of professional responsibility requirement (see above) – due Feb. 1</li> <li>- Must submit Law School Certificate (included in acknowledgement packet) – due February 1</li> <li>- If have Certified Statement but not other items required, send Certified Statement with letter stating that missing items will follow</li> <li>- Required to amend Certified Statement within 30 days of any change in information provided until date of admission</li> </ul>

### Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Results released approximately May 15 for February exam, November 15 for July exam</li> <li>- Results posted by Candidate Identification Number after they are mailed</li> <li>- Results posted on Board's website 72 hours after they are mailed</li> <li>- MBE scores only released to candidates who sat for MBE in NJ – printed on results letter</li> <li>- Essay scores not released to successful candidates</li> <li>- Essay/MBE scores included in results letter for unsuccessful candidates regardless of where took MBE</li> </ul>
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**\* All state bar exam information is subject to change without notice; please verify with bar examiner's office.**