

Bar Exam Snapshot: Pennsylvania*

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Bar exam

2010 exam dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24 - Tuesday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 28
2010 exam locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Philadelphia = Pennsylvania Convention Center - Pittsburgh = David L. Lawrence Convention Center - Carlisle = Carlisle Expo Center (July only)
Subject matter (MBE in bold)	<p>Business Organizations (Corporations, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies, and Professional Organizations); Civil Procedure (Pennsylvania and federal); Criminal Law (including Pennsylvania and federal constitutional issues and DUI); Conflict of Laws; Contracts; Employment Discrimination (limited to Title VII, ADA, and ADEA); Evidence (Pennsylvania and federal); Family Law; Federal Constitutional Law; Federal Income Taxes (personal only and limited to taxable and non-taxable income, deductions, proprietorships and capital transactions); Professional Responsibility; Real Property, Torts, U.C.C. Article 2 (Sales); and Wills, Trusts, and Decedents' Estates (including related fiduciary responsibilities)</p>
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday = written portion (six essays and Performance Test) - 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"> - Must attain scaled score of 272 - Six essays and Performance Test (which is valued at 1.5 times an essay question) are graded, totaled, and scaled to MBE - Written portion (essays and Performance Test) = 55% of total score, MBE = 45% of total score
MPRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum score = 75 - Can achieve at any time prior to bar - Must achieve within three months of release of exam results (to ensure that application can be processed prior to six-month expiration of admission certificate)
Pass %	<p>February 2009 = 76% first time takers, 57% all takers</p>

Bar exam application

Contact info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Supreme Court Prothonotary's Office in Pittsburgh processes all applications: 412.565.2816 - Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners (as of September 18, 2009) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mailing address via U.S. Postal Service (Certified, First Class, Priority, Express Mail): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 601 Commonwealth Ave., Ste. 3600 P.O. Box 62535 Harrisburg, PA 17106 - Physical address (overnight deliveries via DHL, FedEx, UPS, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pennsylvania Judicial Center 601 Commonwealth Ave., Ste. 3600 Harrisburg, PA 17120 - 717.231.3350
Fees/deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timely = October 30 (\$500 fee) - First late = November 15 (\$650 fee) - Second late = November 30 (\$950 fee) - Final = December 15 (\$1,350 fee) - July exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timely = April 15 (\$500 fee) - First late = April 30 (\$650 fee) - Second late = May 15 (\$950 fee) - Final = May 30 (\$1,350 fee) - Deadlines are POSTMARK deadlines - All fees payable via certified check, cashier's check, law firm check, corporate check, or money order payable to "Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners" - \$10 reprocessing fee charged each time application is returned for incompleteness
Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application and forms are available online (must pay fees after file online) - If encounter technical problems, email help@pabarexam.org
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laptop program available to all interested - Receive admission ticket approximately three weeks prior to exam - Released questions and analysis with model answers available at Board's website

Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results are released via press release and are posted by name on Board's website - Results are valid for three years - Admission certificate must be filed within six months of release of results
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