

Bar Exam Snapshot: Rhode Island*

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Bar exam

2010 exam dates/location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24 - Tuesday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 28 - Exams are given in Providence
Subject matter (MBE in bold)	Agency, Commercial Paper, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law , Contracts , Corporations, Creditors' Rights, Criminal Law & Procedure , Domestic Relations, Equity, Evidence , Federal Jurisdiction, Partnerships, Real Property , RI Practice & Procedure, Sales, Secured Transactions, Torts , Trusts, and Wills
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday = one MPT, three RI essay questions, and six MEE questions - 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
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each essay and MPT answer is graded on six-point scale - Each MPT score is multiplied by two as to be weighted the same as two essay responses - Essay and MPT raw scores are aggregated and scaled to MBE - Scaled score of 130 on MBE required to pass - Graders will not read essay or MPT answers of any candidate with MBE scaled score lower than 130 - Score of 276 required to pass the exam
MPRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum passing score = 80 - Score valid for two years
Pass %	July 2008 = 80% first time takers, 80% all takers

Bar exam application

Contact info	<p>Clerk of the Supreme Court, Providence County Courthouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 250 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02903 - 401.222.4233
Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February exam: December 1 - July exam: May 1 - No provision for late filing!
Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application fee = \$450 - MBE score transfer fee = \$25 - Checks payable to "Committee on Character and Fitness"
Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application Packet = 1) Application, 2) Supplemental Forms and Authorization and Release forms (Certificate of Law School Dean/Administrator, Handwriting Sample, Amendment to Application Form, Employment Verification Form, Certificate of Good Moral Character), and 3) Order - Additional form for MBE score transfer - Applicant must provide credit report
Character and Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicant must provide Committee with criminal background check from all states in which they have resided since age 18 - Committee interviews all applicants

Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Result release date is given to applicants at time of interview (usually mid-May for February exam, mid-October for July exam) - Results are mailed and posted in Supreme Court's Office - Results available on Committee's website within 24 hours of posting
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