

Bar Exam Snapshot: Texas*

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Bar exam

2010 exam dates/ locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday, February 23 (morning only), Wednesday, February 24, and Thursday, February 25 - Tuesday, July 27 (morning only), Wednesday, July 28, and Thursday, July 29 - Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston or Pasadena, Lubbock, San Antonio, and Waco
Subject matter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MBE subjects: Con Law, Contracts, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts - Texas essay subjects: Business Associations (including Agency, Corporations, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies, and Professional Associations), Trusts and Guardianships, Wills and Administration, Family Law, U.C.C. (including Consumer Rights, including DTPA and insurance), and Real Property (including Oil and Gas) - Cross-over topics: Income, estate, and gift tax issues, to be included where appropriate, as an element of questions in other subjects, such as Family Law, Wills and Estates, and Real Property - Procedure and Evidence subjects: Texas Civil Procedure and Evidence, including jurisdiction; Federal and Texas Criminal Procedure and Evidence
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday (morning only) = MPT and Procedure and Evidence (90 minutes each) - 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 - Thursday = essays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two essays on each of the following: UCC, Business Associations (including Corporations, Agency, and Partnerships), Family Law, Wills and Administration, and Real Property - One essay on each of the following: Trusts and Guardianships, and Consumer Law - Subjects covered on MBE are not emphasized on TX essays, but essay subjects may involve some issues covered on the MBE

Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four part exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. MPT = 10% ; graded on scale of 0 – 6 - 2. Procedure & Evidence = 10%; 40 short answer questions on Texas and Federal Procedure and Evidence; 20 Criminal and 20 Civil; graded on scale of 0 - 5 - 3. MBE = 40% - 4. Texas essays = 40%; 12 essays total; graded on scale of 0 – 25 - Highest possible scaled score is 1000 - Total scaled score of 675 or higher is required to pass
MPRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum score = 85 - Requirement must be met no later than two years after passing bar
Pass %	July 2008 = 85% first time takers, 80% all takers

Bar exam application

Contact info	<p>Texas Board of Law Examiners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mailing address: P.O. Box 13486, Austin, TX 78711 (Postal Service correspondence) - Physical address: 205 West 14th Street, 5th Floor, Austin, TX 78701 (all other carriers) - 512.463.1621
Declaration of Intent to Study Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students attending a Texas law school must file Declaration of Intent according to following deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall entrants by October 1 - Spring entrants by May 1 - Summer entrants by September 15 - \$190 fee (\$150 Investigation Fee + \$40 Fingerprint Card Processing Fee)
Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All deadlines are POSTMARK deadlines - Board suggests that you mail application via certified mail, return receipt requested - If file application in person, must do so before 5:00 PM on applicable date - Exam deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February: File no earlier than June 30; file by August 30 for timely deadline; file by October 30 for late deadline - July: File no earlier than November 30; file by January 30 for timely deadline; file by March 30 for late deadline - If you have filed Declaration of Intent, you will submit the In-State Student Application - If you are a non-Texas law student, you will submit the General Application for Admission - Board will acknowledge receipt of application within 30 days
Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make check, money order, or cashier's check payable to "Board of Law Examiners" (do not post-date check) - Texas students: \$150 Application Fee + \$75 Examination Fee + \$75 Investigation Fee = \$300 total - Out-of-state students: \$150 Application Fee + \$40 Fingerprint Card Processing Fee + \$75 Examination Fee + \$150 Investigation Fee = \$415 total - \$150 late fee

Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you are unable to download application, you can request application from Board for \$30 fee (fee will be credited toward application fee if you submit application within one year) - Need two original, signed, and notarized authorization/release forms - Will be able to indicate first and second preferences for examination sites (note that laptop option is not offered at every site)
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need passport-style photo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must have been taken within two months of application submission - Photo must be front-facing, head and shoulders pose against plain, light background - Write SSN on back of photo and tape (on all four sides) in space provided on page 1 - Need signed copy of law school app. (including all attachments) filed w/ each school attended - Can send documents to Board's office prior to submitting application
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laptop option available to limited number for \$50 fee (plus cost of software) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laptops ok for MPT and essay - Laptops not ok for Procedure & Evidence and MBE

Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February results available first week of May; July results available first week of November - Results sent in mail and posted on website; also available via phone - Board does not provide passing examinees with grade breakdown; however, examinees will receive their final Combined Score and MBE Score
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*** All state bar exam information is subject to change without notice; please verify with bar examiner's office.**