

STUDYING FOR THE BAR EXAM-TOOLKIT

BAR ADMISSION PROCESS



Your first step is choosing where to take the bar exam and ensuring you're eligible to take it. Each state has its own requirements and deadlines. Students intending to practice in states other than Texas should consult with the applicable agency in that state to determine what actions they need to take. Useful information regarding these requirements can be found in the [ABA Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements](#) and at other links below.

Admission to the State Bar of Texas

ADMISSION TO THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS IS A MULTI-STEP PROCESS:

1. Students who intend to practice law in the State of Texas must file with the Board of Law Examiners a [Declaration of Intention to Study Law](#) by October 1st of 1L year (or within 60 days of transferring from an out-of-state school); Postmark deadlines are strictly enforced. Visit the Texas Board of Law Examiners official website for additional information, official Bar Examination filing deadlines, and examination dates.
2. [Apply to take the bar exam](#) after graduation; and
3. Complete the [Texas Law Component](#).

MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM (MPRE)

Students who intend to practice law in Texas must also pass the [Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination \(MPRE\)](#). Almost all states require that students pass the MPRE to be admitted to the bar. The [MPRE](#) is a two-hour, 60-question multiple-choice examination that is administered three times per year (August – November – March). This test is administered three times a year. For information about this test you may consult the relevant page from the website of the [National Conference of Bar Examiners](#). We recommend that you take the MPRE exam during your 2L year, but this is not necessary.

TEXAS LAW COMPONENT

Complete the [Texas Law Component](#).

For more information about the bar admission process in Texas, visit the [Board of Law Examiners website](#).

[UBE Local Components | NCBE \(ncbex.org\)](#)

THE TEXAS BAR EXAM

The Supreme Court of Texas is the agency that sets the qualifications for applicants to be licensed to practice in Texas. The administration of this process is the responsibility of the [Texas Board of Law Examiners](#). Texas and 35 other states use the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE). The UBE results in a portable score that can also be used to transfer to other UBE jurisdictions.

The Texas Bar Exam is one of the most important exams you will ever take, and if you pass, it will open the door to your future as a legal professional.

The Texas Bar Exam is a two-day exam with six hours per day, broken up into two 3-hour sessions per day.

BAR EXAM DETAILS

A typical Texas Bar Exam is a 2-day Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).

The Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) is coordinated by NCBE and is composed of the following components:

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Day 1

- Two 90-minute Multistate Performance Test questions (MPT in the AM)
- Six 30-minute Multistate Essay Exam questions (MEE in the PM)

Day 2

- Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam (100 questions in the AM, 100 questions in the PM)

It is uniformly administered, graded, and scored and results in a portable score that can be transferred to other UBE jurisdictions.

Texas uses the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) and requires a passing score of 270 out of a total of 400 points.

UBE scores are based on:

20% – Two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions on day one (morning session)

30% – Six Multistate Essay Exam (MEE) questions on day one (afternoon session)

50% – 200-question, multiple-choice Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) on day two (morning and afternoon sessions)

MBE- MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION

The MBE consists of 200 multiple-choice questions administered in two three-hour sessions on day two of the exam. However, 25 of these questions are unscored pretest questions that the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE®) experiments with for future exams. There are seven subject areas:

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Evidence
- Real Property
- Torts

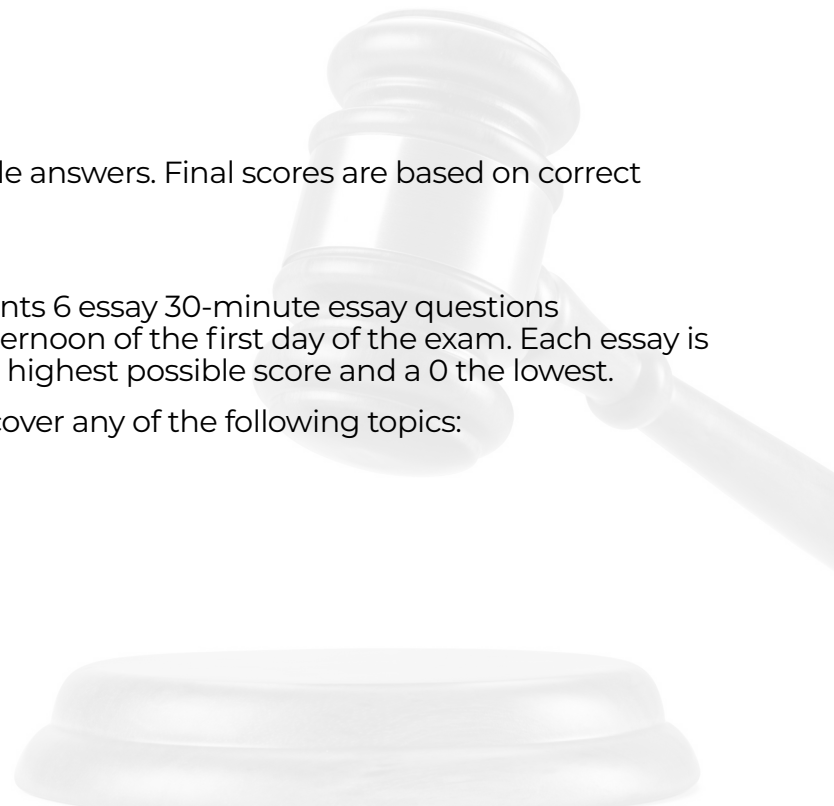
Examinees must select the best of four possible answers. Final scores are based on correct answers only.

MEE- MULTISTATE ESSAY EXAMINATION

The Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) presents 6 essay 30-minute essay questions administered in a three-hour session in the afternoon of the first day of the exam. Each essay is assessed on a 6-point scale, with a 6 being the highest possible score and a 0 the lowest.

The Multistate Essay Examination (MEE), can cover any of the following topics:

- Business associations
- Federal civil procedure
- Conflict of laws
- Constitutional law
- Contracts
- Criminal law



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- Criminal procedure
- Evidence
- Family law
- Real property
- Secured transactions
- Torts
- Trusts and estates.

The MEE is designed to test an examinee's written communication proficiency, application of the law to various scenarios, and reasoning ability. According to the NCBE, the official purpose of the MEE is to test an examinee's ability to:

- Identify legal issues raised by a hypothetical factual situation.
- Separate material which is relevant from that which is not
- Present a reasoned analysis of the relevant issues in a clear, concise, and well-organized composition
- Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental legal principles irrelevant to the probable solution of the issues raised by the factual situation
- Torts
- Trusts and estates.

MPT MULTISTATE PERFORMANCE TEST (MPT)

The Multistate Performance Test (MPT) tests fundamental lawyering skills in a realistic situation. The MPT presents two tasks, to be completed in one 3-hour session, that a beginning lawyer should be able to accomplish. Each task is assessed on a 6-point scale, where a 6 is the highest possible score and 0 is the lowest possible score.

The MPT consists of practical questions using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes, and other reference material supplied by examiners. Each MPT includes a 'File' and a 'Library.' The File contains all information (relevant or irrelevant) regarding a case. The Library contains statutes, regulations, and cases that may or may not be relevant to the case. Further information about the MPT can be found here: www.ncbex.org/exams/mpt/preparing/

Candidates will answer two cases presenting simulated real-life scenarios to demonstrate their lawyering skills. Each case is assessed on a 6-point scale, with a 6 being the highest possible score and a 0 being the lowest possible score.

STUDYING FOR THE UBE

The Texas Young Lawyers Association is not affiliated with any companies that handle bar review courses. These links and phone numbers are provided solely as a courtesy, and do not reflect in any way an endorsement by the Texas Young Lawyers Association. There are many bar exam review providers, and each person should weigh individual circumstances and preferences regarding expense, discounting, scheduling, format, etc., of the various providers when considering the purchase of a review course. Students have several options for a commercial bar review class, including:

- BarNow (NCBE) <https://store.ncbex.org/the-everything-value-pack/>
- BAR / BRI - 1-800-392-5441 www.barbri.com

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- Fleming's Fundamentals of Law - 949-770-7030 www.lawprepare.com (Multistate only)
- Kaplan Bar Review - 800-523-0777 www.kaptest.com/bar-exam
- PMBR - www.pnbr.com
- Reed Bar Review - 800-852-3926 www.reedbarreview.com
- AdaptiBar - 877-466-1250 www.adaptibar.com (MBE only)
- Ameribar Texas - 713-758-0570 www.ameribar.com
- Themis Bar Review - 888-THEMIS-6 (888-843-6476) www.themisbar.com
- Accesslex - <https://www.accesslex.org/helix-bar-review>
- Bar Max -1-855-4-TESTMAX <https://testmaxprep.com/bar-exam>
- Smart Bar Prep- <http://smartbarprep.com>
- Quimbee- <http://quimbee.com>
- JD Advising- <http://jdadvising.com>
- Crusendo- <http://crushendo.com>
- Studicata- <http://studicata.com>
- Critical Pass-<http://criticalpass.com>
- TheBARkey.com- 1-888-531-1881 <http://thebarkey.com>
- Supreme Bar Review- 216-696-2428 <http://supremebarreview.com>
- Patent Bar Review- 1-800-392-6512 <http://patbar.com>
- Bar Exam Doctor- <http://barexamdoctor.com>
- Epatentbar- Epatentbar.com
- Findlaw- 1-800-455-4565 <http://findlaw.com>
- Brainscape- www.brainscape.com

BAR EXAM PREP BOOKS-

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- Strategies and Tactics for the MBE by Emanuel Bar Review
- Bar Exam Mind: A strategy guide for an anxiety-free bar exam by: Matt Racine
- Daily Reflections For Bar Exam Study: An Inspirational Companion For Law Students And Experienced Attorneys Taking The Bar by: M.G. Groepler
- MBE & MEE Essentials: Governing Law for UBE Bar Exam Review by Sterling Test Prep
- A Short & Happy Guide to the Bar Exam's Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) (Short & Happy Guides) by Suzanne Darrow-Kleinhaus, and Irence Crisci
- A Short & Happy Guide to Conquering the MBE (Short & Happy Guides) By Don Doernberg and Cynthia Pop
- A Short & Happy Guide to the MPT (Short & Happy Guides) By Katherine Kelly
- The Ultimate Guide to the MBE (Multistate Bar Exam) by Winston A. Bowman (Author)
- The MBE Decoded: Multistate Bar Exam (Bar Review) First Edition by Mary Basick (Author), Tina Schindler (Author)
- Bar Exam Sidekick by attorney at law press (Author)
- Conquering the Bar Exam: Preparation Strategies and Test-Taking Secrets by Sterling Test Prep (Author)
- Perform Your Best on the Bar Exam Performance Test (Mpt): Train to Finish the Mpt in 90 Minutes Like a Sport Illustrated Edition by Mary Campbell Gallagher(Author) & Christine Champey(Author)

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Minutes Like a Sport Illustrated Edition by Mary Campbell Gallagher(Author) & Christine Champey(Author)

- Bar Exam Basics By Matt Racine
- Ace the Bar Exam with Proven Tactics: Maximize Your Bar Exam Success with Battle-Tested Strategies by Ellesse H Gilnour (Author)

BAR EXAM STUDY TIPS

- It is never too early to think about bar prep
- be confident that you will pass the bar exam.
- Create a separate study plan for the MBE, MEE, and MPT. Make a study schedule/plan
- find bar prep materials that you believe in. This can be an expensive commercial bar exam course, used bar prep books, bar exam outlines, a bar exam tutor or maybe a course offered by your law school.
- Take practice tests to help you solidify what you have been learning. It is also important because it helps you get used to the time pressure of bar examination.
- Practice tests under test-like conditions
- Get your sleep schedule adjusted
- Keep stress down- try to reduce your bar exam stress.
- Use memorization techniques
- Use flashcards
- Memorize the black letter law itself.
- Exercise and movement can ease the symptoms of bar preparation

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE TEXAS BAR EXAM

Applicants applying for accommodations for the Bar exam should make their request well in advance to the relevant State Bar to which they are applying.

For the Texas Bar Exam, an applicant should not submit their application until they have complete documentation Instructions for applying for accommodations on the Texas Bar Exam can be found on the Board of Law Examiners website.

Texas Law Component. Before a lawyer can be licensed to practice in Texas, they must take the "Texas Law Component" (TLC). The TLC is satisfied through Texas Law Course, composed of video presentations on Texas law. Each segment is followed by questions which applicants must answer correctly to proceed. The total time for taking the course is considered to be between 10 and 12 hours.

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References

Texas Bar Examination Filing Deadlines: ble.texas.gov/deadlines

General instructions: ble.texas.gov/bar-exam-general-instructions

Register for the UBE: ble.texas.gov/information-and-applications

For information about other state bar exams, visit NCBE: Bar Exam: <https://www.ncbex.org/>

<https://ble.texas.gov/home>

<https://ble.texas.gov/rules>

[Texas Board of Law Examiners – Statistics & Analysis](#)

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