Subjects

Petitioners will be expected to be familiar with the law in the following fields:

- Access to Justice
- Agency
- Business Organizations
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Descent & Distribution of Estates
- Domestic Relations
- Evidence (including Federal Rules)
- Federal Jurisdiction
- Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
- Massachusetts
- Rules of Civil Procedure
- Professional Responsibility
- Real Property (including Mortgages)
- Torts
- Trusts
- Unfair or Deceptive Practices (G.L.c. 93A)
- Uniform Commercial Code (articles 1-9)
- Wills

Grading Information

The Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) contains two-hundred (200) multiple choice questions. Scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly. The total number of correct answers, adjusted statistically to provide the variations in question difficulties in relation to previous MBE examinations, is an examinee’s MBE Scaled Score.

The Essay Examination contains ten (10) questions, each graded on the basis of zero to seven (0-7) points. The sum of the points obtained on the ten (10) questions is the examinee’s Raw Essay Score.

In order to combine a Raw Essay Score with an MBE Scaled Score, it is necessary to change (or convert) a Raw Essay Score to a score on the same distribution of scores as the MBE Scaled Score. The Essay Scaled Score and the MBE Scaled Score will be added together for the Total Scaled Score.

For additional grading information, go to Bar Exam Scoring Information.

Passing Score

A Total Scaled Score of 270 or greater is the passing score on the Massachusetts bar examination.
Essay Examination Rereads

Before the results of the written law examination become final, the Board of Bar Examiners will re-read the Essay Examinations of those examinees whose **Total Scaled Score is 265 or more but less than 270**. The final raw score for these Essay Examinations will be the average of the scores of the two readings. The resulting average after an essay has been re-read could be higher or lower than the original score. There is no minimum or required passing scaled score for the MBE portion or minimum or passing score for the essay portion of the written bar examination. A high score on one part can compensate for a low score on the other part when the two scores are added together for a total scaled score of 270. **No additional re-reads are permitted.**

Amending your Bar Application

Board of Bar Examiners Rule V.1.2 establishes a continuing duty to disclose **promptly** changes and updates to information provided on your bar application. This obligation remains in effect until you have been administered the Oath of Attorney. You may call the office of the Board of Bar Examiners at (617) 482-4466 if you have questions regarding this requirement.

Postal and Email Address Changes

Change of address forms are available at [www.mass.gov/bbe](http://www.mass.gov/bbe) and should be submitted to the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. Address changes, including an email address change, must be received by the Clerk’s Office by the second week of September for the July examination, and by the second week of March for the February examination, in order to ensure proper and timely delivery of your emailed examination results.

Receiving your Exam Results

Bar exam results will be emailed to the email address of record submitted by you to the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. Exam results will not be provided by letter, telephone, or in person. While there is no predetermined date for releasing bar examination results, as a general rule, email results will be delivered April and October, respectively, for the preceding February and July exams. Examinees that have passed the written portion of the examination will be listed on the Board of Bar Examiners webpage, at [www.mass.gov/bbe](http://www.mass.gov/bbe), no later than **three days** after individual bar exam results have been emailed.

Transferring your Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) Scores

**From another Jurisdiction to Massachusetts**

If you are sitting the MBE portion of the bar examination concurrently in another jurisdiction, you must make arrangements to have your MBE score transferred to Massachusetts following the procedures outlined by that jurisdiction. All MBE requests for score transfers from another jurisdiction should be completed, with required fees paid, to the transferring jurisdiction **prior** to sitting for the essay portion of the Massachusetts Bar Examination.
Transferred scores must be received by the Board of Bar Examiners from the transferring jurisdiction before September 8 for the July exam or March 29 for the February exam.

You are responsible for ensuring the timely transfer of your concurrent MBE score to Massachusetts. Transferred MBE scores should be sent from the transferring jurisdiction to the Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners, Edward W. Brooke Courthouse, 24 New Chardon Street, 1st Flr., Boston, MA 02114.

**From Massachusetts to another Jurisdiction**

If you are taking the MBE portion of the bar examination in Massachusetts and wish to have your MBE score transferred to another jurisdiction, you must complete the MBE Transfer and Score Advisory Request Form.

This form, along with a fee of $25.00 payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, must be submitted to the Board of Bar Examiners as soon as possible. Personal checks are NOT accepted.

**MBE Score Advisory**

To determine whether the MBE score previously earned in Massachusetts meets the requirements for admission in another jurisdiction, please complete the advisory portion on the MBE Transfer and Score Advisory Request Form.

This form, along with a fee of $25.00 payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, may be submitted to the Board of Bar Examiners. For specific requests and limitations of other jurisdictions, contact those jurisdictions.