

## North Dakota Bar Examination - General Information

1. Applicants granted permission to write the bar examination will be advised of the date and time and furnished admission cards not less than two weeks before the examination.
2. Requests for special test accommodations must accompany the bar examination application and will be referred to the State Board of Law Examiners (Board) for consideration. The special test accommodations request forms are located on the Registration & Admission page (<http://www.ndcourts.gov/court/committees/BarBd/information.htm>) under the Bar Exam Application subsection.
3. The bar examination is a two-day exam administered the last Tuesday and Wednesday in July, and the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February, if offered. The examination consists of:
  - Multistate Performance Test (MPT) - This is a written three-hour examination given Tuesday morning consisting of two tasks designed to test ability to complete a task using fundamental lawyering skills in a realistic situation. Each MPT includes a file consisting of source documents containing all the facts of the case, and a library that might include transcripts of interviews, depositions, hearings or trials, pleadings, correspondence, client documents, contracts, newspaper articles, medical records, police reports, lawyers' notes, cases, statutes, regulations and rules. MPT problems may arise in a variety of fields of law.
  - Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) - This is a written three-hour examination given Tuesday afternoon consisting of six questions from the following topics: Business Associations (Agency and Partnership; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies), Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Real Property, Torts, Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates; Trusts and Future Interests), and Uniform Commercial Code (Secured Transactions).
  - Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) - This is an objective six-hour exam consisting of 200 multiple choice questions, split into two 3-hour sessions of 100 questions covering the following subjects: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts.
4. Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). This is a national exam given three times a year at law schools. As a requirement for admission, applicants must pass the MPRE exam by achieving a scaled score of 85 or more. MPRE scores achieved more than five years from the date of application will not be accepted. APPLICANTS MUST REQUEST SCORES TO BE REPORTED TO NORTH DAKOTA. For information regarding score transfer requests, contact: National Conference of Bar Examiners, 302 South Bedford Street, Madison, WI 53703-3622. Phone: 608-280-8550. Web: [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org)
5. Thirty days before each examination, the State Board of Law Examiners will file the pass/fail policy with the Supreme Court and the Dean of the University of North Dakota School of Law. The Board

may utilize such grading or scoring system as the Board deems appropriate.

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