Bar Exam Overview - Texas

The Basics

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All FAQ found here

2017 filing deadlines

February 21-23 exam
- August 30 = timely

July 25-27 exam
- January 30 = timely

Character & Fitness
Application is completed online and required supporting documentation uploaded according to instructions. Supporting documentation includes photographs and fingerprints. Visit the bar admission agency's website for full details. Begin compiling the necessary information early, as it can be a time-consuming process.

General Bar Examination
The examination is administered over two and a half days in the format listed below.

Day One: One 90-minute Multistate Performance Test (MPT) question and a 90-minute Procedure and Evidence (P&E) exam consisting of 20 criminal and 20 civil P&E questions

Day Two: Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question multiple-choice exam

Day Three: Twelve essay questions

Scoring
MBE (weighted 40%), essay (weighted 40%), MPT (weighted 10%) and P&E exam (weighted 10%) are combined. A passing score requires a minimum of 675 scaled points out of 1,000. Applicants must pass exam in its entirety.

MPRE
A scaled score of 85 on the MPRE is required for admission.

Application
Registration opens on June 30 for the February exam. A timely filing (August 30) costs $435. Registration opens on November 30 for the July exam. A timely filing (January 30) costs $435.

Additional Fees

Late fee (Sept. 1-Oct. 30 for Feb. exam)	$150
Late fee (Jan. 31-March 30 for July exam)	$150
Laptop fee	Approx. $105

This overview is not an exhaustive list of jurisdiction rules and policies. Information can change at any time. You are strongly encouraged to consult the jurisdiction's bar admissions agency website for the most complete and current information.