

Courses tested on the California and New York Bar Exams

California Bar Exam

The California Bar Exam is a 3-day exam. On the first and third days, there are three essay questions in the morning and a “performance exam” in the afternoon. The second day is the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE), a 200-question, multiple-choice exam. There are 100 questions in the morning, and 100 in the afternoon.

The following subjects are tested on the essay portion of the exam:

- Business Associations
(Corporations, partnerships, limited liability entities, related agency principles and uniform acts)
- Civil Procedure (Federal and California)
- Community Property
- Contracts/Sales
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law/Procedure
- Evidence (Federal and California)
- Professional Responsibility
- Real Property
- Remedies
- Torts
- Wills and Trusts

The following subjects are tested on the MBE:

- Contracts/Sales
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law/Procedure
- Evidence
- Real Property
- Torts

The Performance Test asks examinees to draft memos or discovery documents or arguments or the like using a “closed universe” of facts, case law, statutes, etc.

More information on the scope of the California Bar Exam can be found at <http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=VQF73Jr-8iE%3d&tabid=245>

New York Bar Exam

The New York Bar Exam is a two-day exam – Tuesday and Wednesday – with the New York subjects on Tuesday and the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) on Wednesday.

On the first day, there are three essay questions and 50 New York multiple choice questions in the morning session. In the afternoon, there are two essay questions and a 90-minute MPT (Multi-State Performance test) question.

The second day is the MBE, a 200-question, multiple-choice exam. There are 100 questions in the morning, and 100 in the afternoon testing the following subjects:

- Contracts/Sales
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law/Procedure
- Evidence
- Real Property
- Torts

In addition to testing New York distinctions for the six MBE subjects, the following subjects are tested on the New York portion of the exam:

- Business Relationships
- Conflict of Laws
- New York Constitutional Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Family Law
- Remedies
- New York and Federal Civil Jurisdiction and Procedure
- Professional Responsibility
- Trusts, Wills, and Estates
- UCC Articles 2, 3, and 9

More information on the scope of the New York Bar Exam can be found at <http://www.nybarexam.org/TheBar/TheBar.htm#newyork>