



BARBRI's Massachusetts Fast Facts!

What is the format of the MA Bar Exam?

Massachusetts administers the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE), and it is administered twice each year. This is a 2 day exam (Tuesday and Wednesday) the last week in February and July. The winter dates are February 23rd & 24th; the summer dates are July 27th & 28th. Your first day is worth 50% and is your essay day (30% MEE, 20% MPT). Your second day is multiple choice and is worth 50%.

What score do I need to get to pass in MA?

You need a minimum score of 270.

How much will it cost me to sit for the MA Bar Exam?

The cost to sit for the MA bar exam is \$815 (exam fee), and a \$75 technology fee. At the moment, there is also a \$22 payment processing fee. Don't forget, you may need to budget for a hotel for 2-3 nights (Monday-Tuesday or Monday-Wednesday) if you are not living close to your designated test center.

Where do I take the MA Bar Exam?

Assuming that the MA BOLE determines that it is safe to administer exams in person in 2021, applicants sit for the exam in Boston, with a small number of students on a first come, first serve basis sitting in Springfield.

What is the Massachusetts Law Component (MLC)?

The MLC is a 50 question multiple choice exam on key distinctions and essential highlights of MA law and procedure covering the areas of law listed below. The exam questions are based on substantive outlines on each topic area provided to petitioners for bar admission upon registration for the MLC.

The tested subjects are: Access to Justice, Anti-Discrimination Law, Business Organizations, Civil Procedure, Consumer Protection, G.L. c. 93A, Criminal Law and Procedure, Domestic Relations, Estates and Wills, Evidence.

There is no fee for the MLC.

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/the-massachusetts-law-component-mlc>

What score do I need to get on the MPRE?

You must score at least 85.

When do I need to take the MPRE if I want to sit for MA?

You need to pass the MA MPRE **before** you apply for the bar exam! Unlike most states, you are NOT able to apply for the bar exam and sit for the bar exam in MA if you cannot show a passing MPRE score.



Is there guidance on MA's BOLE site to help me through this?

Yes! Here it is: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/guide-to-filing-a-petition-for-admission-by-examination-first-time#-what-you-should-know->

I will need accommodations for the bar exam. What guidelines should I follow?

Please go here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/guidelines-instructions-for-filing-and-nonstandard-testing-accommodations-application/download>

I am not taking the MA bar, but I am sitting for another UBE state. Do I need to sit for MA to become licensed in MA if I sit for the UBE in another jurisdiction?

Transferred UBE scores will be eligible for admission in Massachusetts if taken within 36 months. An applicant must achieve a score of 270 or higher regardless of UBE jurisdiction in order to qualify for admission and will be required to prove that they have achieved a qualifying score on the MPRE. The MLC will be an additional requirement. There is an \$815 fee for this.

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/petition-for-admission-to-the-massachusetts-bar-by-transfer-of-uniform-bar-examination-score>

What if I have questions about BARBRI, the MPRE course, or the bar exam?

Please feel free to contact me! I've worked with students in your shoes for over 6 years, and I'm licensed in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The bar exam process (including the MPRE) can be overwhelming at times. I'm here for you! Please also feel free to contact your BARBRI student reps with questions!

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