

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO BAR EXAM

NOTICE: The following information is provided as a summary of commonly asked questions regarding the Colorado Bar Exam. It is not intended to fully address all application/admission policies and requirements. Please refer to both the “Instructions for Filing an Application to Take the Colorado Bar Exam,” as well as, Rule 201, C.R.C.P. for complete details, both of which are available from this web site.

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Exam Dates and Location

The bar exam is held twice yearly, on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of February and July.

Colorado is a Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) jurisdiction. The examination consists of the written portions – Multistate Essay Exam (MEE), Multistate Performance Test (MPT) and the multiple choice portion – Multistate Bar Exam (MBE).

All Class C (exam) applicants are required to take all portions of the MEE, MPT and MBE examinations. The MEE and MPT are administered on the last Tuesday of February and July followed by the MBE on the last Wednesday of the month.

The exam is administered in the Denver Metro Area at one location only.

Filing Deadlines

Applications, including Update Applications, must be filed using the most recent version of the Boards forms.

Application forms and applicable fees must be filed on or *postmarked no later than December 1 for the February exam and May 1 for the July exam. Applications filed after these dates will be assessed applicable late penalty fees.

*Electronic online applications must be finalized and submitted on the filing deadline date regardless of the day of the week on which the deadline falls.

Updating a Previous Application for the Exam

Applicants who have previously filed an application to sit for the examination may be eligible to file update application forms. Applications filed more than 12 months prior to the last application may not be renewed and new application forms must be filed.

Those who withdrew or were absent from the exam and those who are repeating the exam may file update application forms. Applications may be updated and fees not previously refunded will be applied to the current fee for a period of 12 months from the date the original or last update application was filed. Any difference between the previous fee and the current fee shall be borne by the applicant in addition to a \$250 update fee.

If an update application is filed after having previously withdrawn from the exam, a \$250 update fee will be assessed in addition to any of the above referenced fee differences or refunds. The total amount due must be submitted at the time the application is filed. All update materials must be filed by December 1 for the February exam or May 1 for the July exam. Update materials filed after the official deadline are subject to the late filing penalties referenced above.

Withdrawing an Application

An application for the exam may be filed and subsequently withdrawn by submitting written notification to the Board. Applicants who are absent from the exam, but who fail to withdraw by written notification, at least one business day prior to the exam will be assessed the full application fee upon reapplication. See “Instructions for Filing an Application to Take the Colorado Bar Exam” for policies regarding partial fee refunds and updating a previously filed application.

Application Filing Fees

Exam - Class C:

***Computer test takers add \$100**

Non Attorney	\$475.00*
Credit Report fee	<u>+ 10.00</u>
Total	\$485.00

Non attorneys are those who have been admitted to practice law for one year or less

Attorney	\$500.00*
Credit Report fee	<u>+ 10.00</u>
Total	\$510.00

Attorneys are those who have been admitted to practice law for more than one year

See Exam Filing Deadlines and Late Filing Penalty Fees. See Application Instructions for

information regarding policies on method of payment, returned checks, and refunds.

Late Penalty Filing Fees

Late applications will be accepted through -

December 31 for the February exam and
May 31 for the July exam

Late applications must be accompanied by all applicable fees and filed or *Postmarked no later than the last applicable late filing deadline.

Late Fee Penalty Fee: \$200

*Office postage meter tapes are not considered valid when there is a question as to whether a filing deadline has been met. Late applications postmarked by applicable deadlines but received more than 7 days following postmark date will be rejected as not timely filed.

Applications filed without the appropriate fees or not substantially completed will not be deemed timely filed and will not be accepted for processing.

Electronic online applications filed during the late filing period must be finalized and submitted through the online system on the filing deadline date regardless of the day of the week on which the deadline falls.

About the Colorado Bar Exam

Colorado administers the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE). The UBE is prepared and coordinated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners to test knowledge and skills that every lawyer should be able to demonstrate prior to becoming licensed to practice law. It is composed of the [Multistate Essay Examination](#) (MEE), two [Multistate Performance Test](#) (MPT) tasks, and the [Multistate Bar Examination](#) (MBE). It is uniformly administered, graded, and scored by user jurisdictions and results in a portable score. A passing score of 276 is required to pass the Colorado Bar Examination.

The UBE is administered over two days, with the MEE and MPT given on the last Tuesday of February and July. The MBE is given on the last Wednesday of February and July. The MEE and MPT scores are scaled to the MBE, with the MBE weighted 50%, the MEE 30%, and the MPT 20%.

Day one of the exam (Tuesday) six MEE questions are administered during a three-hour morning session followed by two MPT questions administered during a three-hour afternoon session.

Day Two of the exam (Wednesday) the MBE is administered in two three-hour sessions. 100 multiple-choice questions are answered during each of the two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

1. Colorado **does not accept MBE score transfers** from other jurisdictions or from previous examinations for purposes of waiving the MBE portion of the exam.

Information, study aids and information guides for the MBE, MEE and MPT are available from the National Conference of Bar Examiners website: <http://ncbex.org/multistate-tests/>