

## Rule 11 Texas Bar Examination

- (a) The Texas Bar Examination will be given at such places as the Board may direct.
- (b) The Texas Bar Examination will be given twice a year, beginning on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday of the months of February and July, unless the Board otherwise directs.
- (c) An Applicant approved to take the Texas Bar Examination must attend the Texas Bar Examination at the time and place designated by the Board.
- (d) The Texas Bar Examination administered before the February 2021 administration will last two and one-half days and consist of the Multistate Performance Test (MPT), given on Tuesday morning; the Procedure and Evidence Questions (P&E), given on Tuesday morning; the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), given on Wednesday; and the Texas Essay Questions (Essays), given on Thursday. After grading the answers to the MPT, the P&E, and the Essays, the resulting raw scores on each of these portions will be scaled to the MBE, using the standard deviation method. Scores on the various portions of the examination will be weighted as follows: MPT, 10%; P&E, 10%; MBE, 40%; and Essays, 40%. An Applicant must earn a combined scaled score of at least 675 (out of a possible 1,000 points) to pass the Texas Bar Examination. A partial score on any portion of a failed examination must not be applied to any subsequent examination.
- (e) The Texas Bar Examination administered beginning with the February 2021 administration will last two days and consist of the Uniform Bar Examination components: the Multi Essay Examination (MEE), given on Tuesday; the MPT, given on Tuesday; and the MBE, given on Wednesday. Scores on the various portions of the examination will be weighted as follows: MEE, 30%; MPT, 20%; and MBE, 50%. An Applicant must earn a combined scaled score of at least 270 (out of a possible 400 points) to pass the Texas Bar Examination. A partial score on any portion of a failed examination must not be applied to any subsequent examination.
- (f) An Applicant—who, after a combined total of five examinations, has failed to pass the Texas Bar Examination or earn a score of at least 270 on the Uniform Bar Examination administered in another State—cannot take another Texas Bar Examination or be admitted to the Bar based on a transferred Uniform Bar Examination score. For good cause shown, the Board may waive this prohibition.
- (g) An Applicant who has failed the Texas Bar Examination more than once may submit a written request, within two weeks of the release of the Texas Bar Examination results, for a Formal Review of the Applicant's performance on the

immediately preceding Texas Bar Examination, excluding the MBE portion). A Formal Review means an individual oral review of the Applicant's Texas Bar Examination papers by the examining Board members that takes place in Austin at a time selected by the Board. Regardless of the number of Texas Bar Examinations taken, an Applicant may receive only one Formal Review under this subsection.

- (h) An Applicant who has failed the Texas Bar Examination is eligible to receive a written analysis of the Applicant's performance on the Texas Bar Examination. The Board may determine the form and content of the written analysis.
- (i) The Board must keep, for one year from the date of every Texas Bar Examination, all failing Texas Bar Examinations. The Board need not keep any part of passing Texas Bar Examinations.

## **Rule 12**

### **Examinees With Disabilities**

- (a) The Texas Bar Examination shall be administered to all eligible Applicants in a reasonable manner, while maintaining the integrity of the Texas Bar Examination. In each city in which the Texas Bar Examination is administered, the Board shall provide facilities that are reasonably accessible and which enable persons having disabilities to take the Texas Bar Examination.
- (b) Any Applicant who desires special testing accommodations based upon a disability shall submit a written request to the Board on forms designated by the Board, such request to be submitted at the same time as the Application is submitted.
- (c) A request for special testing accommodations must be accompanied by written proof evidencing the existence of the disability. Statements from licensed physicians or a professional specialist that specifically set forth the physical, mental or emotional handicap or disability and the relationship between the disability and the inability to take the Texas Bar Examination under standard conditions shall be required. The Board may require additional information or evidence from the Applicant and may, at its option, seek professional evaluation of such data. The Applicant will be responsible for the cost of obtaining documented medical evidence and other required information.
- (d) After considering the written request of the Applicant and the evidence submitted, the Board shall determine what reasonable special testing accommodations will be granted.
- (e) Board deliberations and determinations regarding the request of an Applicant for testing accommodations on the Texas Bar Examination shall be closed to the public and associated records are confidential. However, this does not limit the Board's