GRADING OF THE RHODE ISLAND BAR EXAMINATION

Article II, Rule 1 Applicants

The Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) portion of the Rhode Island Bar Examination is graded by the National Conference of Bar Examiners on a scaled scoring system with scores ranging from 0 to 200. The remaining portions of the bar examination (Multistate Performance Test (MPT), Multistate Essay Examination (MEE), and local essay questions) are graded on a six-point scale, with 6 being the highest score and 0 being the lowest score. Each MPT score is multiplied by 2 so as to be given the same weight as the essays, and is then added to the aggregate essay score. The maximum raw score for the MPT and the essay answers is 66 (9 X 6 on the essays and 2 X 6 on the MPT). The aggregate score is then scaled against the MBE scores of the Rhode Island applicants. The scaled scores of the MBE, essays and MPT are then totaled. A score of 276 is required to pass the bar examination.

Article II, Rule 2(a) Applicants

The Multistate Performance Test (MPT), Multistate Essay Examination (MEE), and local essay questions are graded on a six-point scale, with 6 being the highest score and 0 being the lowest score. Each MPT score is multiplied by 2 so as to be given the same weight as the essays, and is then added to the aggregate essay score. The maximum raw score for the MPT and the essay answers is 66 (9 X 6 on the essays and 2 X 6 on the MPT). A total scaled score of 138 is required to pass the bar examination.

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