

SUPREME COURT
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February 14, 2019

NOTICE OF PALAU BAR EXAMINATION

The Palau Bar Examination will be administered on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 24, 2019– Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 24, 2019– Multistate Performance Test (MPT) – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25, 2019– Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) Part 1 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 25, 2019– Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) Part 2– 2:00p.m.

Friday, July 26, 2019– Palauan-based Essay Examination Part 1 – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, July 26, 2019– Palauan-based Essay Examination Part 2 – 2:00 p.m.

The venue of the examination will be announced at a later date.

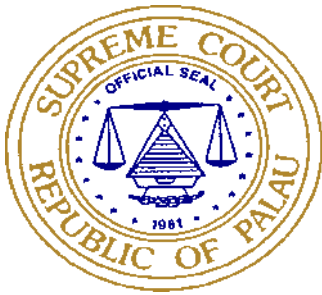
Please note that if there are insufficient applicants registered to take the July examination by the June 7, 2019 application deadline, the examination will be postponed until July 2020.

Please also note that we have changed our examination fee refund policy such that an applicant's \$300.00 examination fee will be forfeited if the applicant fails to take the exam. In other words, an applicant who submits an examination fee for the July 2019 examination, but, fails to take that exam will not be permitted to apply the examination fee to the following year's examination.

Requirements

Applicants who have taken and passed the MBE, the MEE, the MPT, the MPRE or an essay examination from a state or territorial jurisdiction of the United States within the past 5 years are not required to take that particular examination, but are required to provide evidence of a passing score from the jurisdiction in which the examination was taken.

All applicants are required to take and pass the Palauan-based Essay Examination pertaining specifically to Palauan law, such as customary law and land law.



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Applicants who have not taken and passed the MBE, the MPRE or an essay examination within the past 5 years must take that particular examination. Applicants may take that particular examination in Palau as scheduled above or in any other state or territorial jurisdiction of the United States where those examinations are administered. If the examination is taken in a jurisdiction other than Palau, the applicant is required to provide evidence of a passing score from the jurisdiction in which the examination was taken.

MBE and MPRE Score Services

All MBE and MPRE score service requests such as transferring scores to another jurisdiction, obtaining your test results, etc., must be submitted through an examinee's National Conference of Bar Examiners ("NCBE") account. If you don't have an NCBE account, please go to the NCBE website (www.NCBEX.org) and create one.

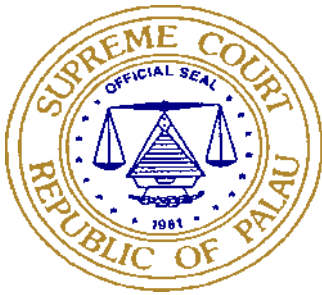
NCBE is authorized to perform MBE score services for only some U.S. Jurisdictions. The list of those jurisdictions is available on the MBE FAQs page. A \$25 fee is required for each transaction. Each score transfer or score release is considered a separate transaction. This fee may be paid online (MasterCard or Visa only). Payment by check must be mailed to NCBE with a printout of the confirmation page at the end of either the MBE or MPRE Score Services Request Form and may significantly delay the processing of score services. No score services will be performed until credit card information is processed or until a check is received with a printout of the confirmation page. Refunds will not be provided for any reason. It is the examinee's responsibility to read the instructions carefully before requesting any score services and to verify that he or she has provided the correct information.

Transfer of Essay Score or Combined MBE/Essay Score

Request a score transfer directly from the state or territorial jurisdiction where the Essay or Combined MBE/Essay Examination was taken and have it sent to: Chief Appellate Clerk, Palau Supreme Court, P.O. Box 248, Koror, Palau 96940. Each jurisdiction's bar admission office contact information can be found on the home page of the NCBE website.

Subject Matter of Examinations

MBE: The MBE is an objective six-hour examination containing 200 multiple choice questions covering the following subjects: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts. The questions are designed to be answered by applying fundamental legal principles rather than local case or statutory law.



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A passing score for the MBE in Palau is a scaled score of 120 or better.

MEE: The MEE consists of three to four essay questions. The MEE is designed to test an applicant's ability to (1) identify legal issues raised by a hypothetical factual situation; (2) separate material which is relevant from that which is not; (3) present a reasoned analysis of the relevant issues in a clear, concise, and well-organized composition; and (4) demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental legal principles relevant to the probable solution of the issues raised by the factual situation.

The primary distinction between the MEE and the MBE is that the MEE requires the examinee to demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively in writing. Subject matter may include Business Associations (Agency & Partnership; Corporations, and Limited Liability Companies), Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law and Procedure, Evidence, Family Law, Real Property, Torts, Trusts and Estates (Decedents' Estates; Trusts and Future Interests), and Uniform Commercial Code (Secured Transactions) Some questions may include issues in more than one area of law.

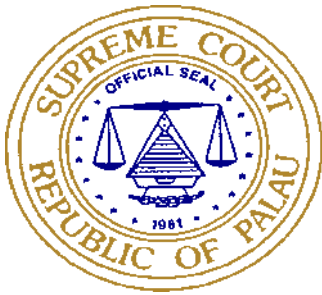
Applicants will have 45 minutes per question.

A passing score for the MEE in Palau is a score of 65 or

better. **MPT:**

The MPT is a three hour examination (consisting of two 90-minute fact patterns) designed to test an applicant's ability to use fundamental lawyering skills in realistic situations. Each fact pattern evaluates an applicant's ability to complete a task that a beginning lawyer should be able to accomplish.

The materials for each MPT include a File and a Library. The File consists of source documents containing all the facts of the case. The specific assignment the examinee is to complete is described in a memorandum from a supervising attorney. The File might also include transcripts of interviews, depositions, hearings or trials, pleadings, correspondence, client documents, contracts, newspaper articles, medical records, police reports, or lawyer's notes. Relevant as well as irrelevant facts are included. Facts are sometimes ambiguous, incomplete, or even conflicting. The Library consists of substantive legal materials. Examinees are expected to recognize when facts are inconsistent or missing and are expected to extract from the Library the legal principles necessary to analyze the problem and perform the task. The MPT is not a test of substantive law; the Library materials provide sufficient substantive information to complete the task.



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The MPT requires applicants to (1) sort detailed factual materials and separate relevant from irrelevant facts; (2) analyze statutory, case, and administrative materials for applicable principles of law; (3) apply the relevant law to the relevant facts in a manner likely to resolve a client's problem; (4) identify and resolve ethical dilemmas, when present; (5) communicate effectively in writing; and (6) complete a lawyering task within time constraints. These skills are tested by requiring applicants to perform one or more of a variety of lawyering tasks. For example, applicants might be instructed to complete any of the following: a memorandum to a supervising attorney, a letter to a client, a persuasive memorandum or brief, a statement of facts, a contract provision, a will, a counseling plan, a proposal for settlement or agreement, a discovery plan, a witness examination plan, or a closing argument.

A passing score for the MPT in Palau is a score of 65 or

better. Palauan-based Essay Examination:

This portion of the examination consists of questions specifically on Palauan law. Questions may cover customary law, ethics, land law, the constitution, statutes, the Compact of Free Association, rules (such as the Rules of Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Appellate Procedure), and case law.

A passing score for the Palauan-based Essay Examination is a score of 65 or better.

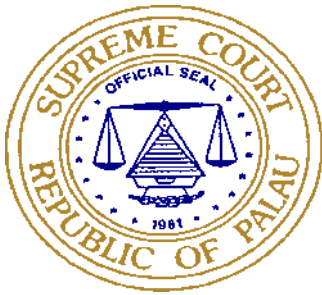
Handwriting on Essays and MPTs: All essays and MPT answers must be handwritten. The applicant will be responsible for ensuring that his or her handwriting is legible. Illegible answers will receive no credit.

MPRE: The MPRE contains 60 multiple choice questions on the law governing the conduct of lawyers, including the disciplinary rules of professional conduct as articulated in the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct, and controlling constitutional decisions, as well as generally accepted principles established in leading federal and state cases and in the rules of procedure and evidence.

A passing score for the MPRE in Palau is a scaled score of 75 or better.

The MPRE is administered by the Palau Community College rather than the Palau Supreme Court. Please log on to the NCBE website to register for and get further details regarding this exam.

Requirements for Admission to the Palau Bar: To be admitted to the Palau Bar an applicant must: (1) provide a certificate of good standing from jurisdiction(s) in which the applicant is admitted to practice or, if not a member of any bar, a letter from the dean or dean's designee of the applicant's law school attesting to the applicant's good moral character; (2) not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, the applicant must have been granted a



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full pardon; (3) have graduated from an accredited law school; and (4) take and pass the Bar Examination as required in Palau and as explained above.

Bar Examination Fee: The examination fee is \$300. If paying by check or money order please make it payable to the "Palau Supreme Court." This fee is nonrefundable and will not be applied to future examinations should the applicant fail to sit for the examination.

Application Deadline for the Bar Examination in Palau: The deadline to apply to take the MBE, MPT and/or Essay Examination(s) in Palau is Friday, June 7, 2019. The application forms can be downloaded from our website www.palausupremecourt.net. The forms can be accessed from the Palau Bar Association tab of the home page. Only Form A and Form C should be filled out. If you are unable to download a copy of the forms, send a letter requesting that the forms be mailed to you and providing an address where you would like the forms sent with a check or money order for \$10.00 payable to the "Clerk of Courts" and we will mail the forms to you. Send your request to the "Chief Appellate Clerk, Palau Supreme Court, P.O. Box 248, Koror, Palau 96940."

Please follow the directions for completing the forms and return them to the "Chief Appellate Clerk, Palau Supreme Court, P.O. Box 248, Koror, Palau 96940."

APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE – JUNE 7, 2019.

After receiving an applicant's completed forms, the Chief Appellate Clerk will provide the applicant with additional information to assist in preparing and studying for the examinations.

Information on Palau: The Palau Visitor's Authority website at www.visit-palau.com is a good source of information.

Further Information on the Palau Bar Examination: For further information or questions regarding the Palau Bar Examination, you may contact the Chief Appellate Clerk, Vernice Rechebei by e-mail at vrechebei@palausupremecourt.net or by phone at (680) 767-1000 ext. 5294 or Deputy Appellate Clerk, Lovey Alfonso by e-mail at lalfonso@palausupremecourt.net or by phone at (680) 488-2607.