AdaptiBar Preparation Method

Before you begin answering questions, review your outlines provided by your comprehensive course or law school bar prep course for each subject in detail.

Begin answering questions in Practice Questions mode only.

Make sure you take your time answering each question and always thoroughly read the explanation. AdaptiBar automatically monitors your performance and adjusts the presentation of questions based on your studying needs.

Answer approximately 50 questions in each subject (total of 350 questions).

We recommend that you divide the program into stages of about 350 questions. Start Stage 1 by answering 50 questions in each of the 7 MBE subjects, one at a time, in Practice Questions mode.

Complete Stage 1 over the course of about 12-16 days.

Simply answer the questions the program presents to you so AdaptiBar can assess your performance. Focus on the quality in which you’re answering questions rather than the quantity. Be sure to thoroughly read each explanation given so you may understand why your response was correct or incorrect.

Once you have answered 350 questions, STOP! Go to the Subject Performance & Benchmark graph and expand all 7 subjects to view your performance in each of the 41 subtopics. You should be able to identify about 20-22 weak subtopics.

Print the graph and highlight your weak areas. Generally speaking, AdaptiBar recommends aiming for a 70% or higher.

* NOTE: Repeat takers are advised to answer in Practice Questions mode with all 7 subjects selected.
Spend one day studying each subject and work on your weak subtopics by reviewing your notes and outlines.

AdaptiBar’s enhanced features — Online MBE Flashcards and Video Lectures - provide a great substantive review in each area tested on the MBE. Now would be a good time to use either feature to review your weak areas. Consider upgrading to one (or both), if you have not already done so!

Moving forward, adjust the settings in Practice Questions mode to include all 7 MBE subjects and continue answering the questions.

AdaptiBar will assess your performance and determine which questions are presented to you based on your current studying needs. The program will automatically adjust to focus on your weaknesses, without neglecting an area of strength. Again, make sure you are providing qualified answers and fully reading the explanations given.

Once you have completed Stage 2 (answered a total of 700 questions), check the Past Performance Table and compare your performance from the second stage to the first.
Go back into the Subject Performance & Benchmark graph and expand all 7 subjects to view your overall performance in each of the 41 subtopics. Ideally, you will now be able to narrow your list of weak subtopics down to about 14-16.

We also recommend generating a report of all of the questions you marked incorrect within the past stage and review the questions and explanations again to fully understand why your response was incorrect. To do so, click on Performance —> Past Questions. Simply fill out the form and the program will generate a report accordingly so you may revisit any questions you previously answered incorrectly or flagged.

Do the same process after Stage 3 and Stage 4.

Be sure to study your weak subtopics after each stage. The idea here is to constantly use the questions to diagnose your weaknesses and determine what areas you should be studying.

Remember, the questions are not your primary source of substantive review for the MBE, your outlines are.

You use AdaptiBar to easily diagnose your weaknesses and track your progress. How you are scoring in AdaptiBar correlates to how you’ll score on the actual exam. Tip: Check out the MBE Subject Outline provided by the NCBE to determine which subtopics are tested more often (e.g. Individual Rights is approx. 50% of all Con Law questions.)

After you have completed a few stages, you may want to simulate real-exam conditions by creating a customized 100-question exam with all 7 subjects selected.

Complete the exam as if it were the real deal—no breaks, distractions, etc. This way, you can practice answering 100-questions in one sitting. Please Note: Although Practice Exams mode can be a great feature if used properly, AdaptiBar highly suggests you spend the majority of your time in Practice Questions mode where the patented adaptive technology is applied. Practice Questions mode ensures that you are seeing the questions that you absolutely need to in order to increase your overall accuracy rate and, in turn, your MBE score.
For detailed instructions regarding the program’s features and setting options, please refer to the Guide to Maximizing the Benefits of AdaptiBar.

In general, when using AdaptiBar, don’t be obsessed with answering a certain number of questions a day. It is important that you practice questions every day. We recommend 30–40, depending how much time you have. However, all too often, students feel confident in their studying—they have practiced the number of questions their comprehensive course tells them to do each day. A problem arises when students become obsessed with the quantity of questions they answer daily rather than the quality with which they answer those questions. Anyone can do fifty questions a day; answering them and fully understanding the answer is another story. Study smart, otherwise you are wasting your time. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the AdaptiBar Team.

Helpful Program Tips

Like to cross out answer choices to eliminate possible choices?
Simply click on the text of an answer choice to fade it out. Click it again to reverse the process.

Can’t recall a definition?
AdaptiBar provides links within the program to Law.com definitions. Click on the link and a new window will open with the definition you need.

Want to pinpoint specific subtopics?
You can pinpoint a specific subtopic by creating a customized exam in Practice Exams mode by selecting the subtopic you want to include (e.g. Negligence) and the number of questions (e.g. 25). However, keep in mind that it is best to do most of your preparation in Practice Questions mode and let the program automatically adjust the questions shown to you based on your needs.

Need extra review?
Upgrade to include the MBE Flashcards and/or Video Lectures. Both Enhanced Options allow you to target specific subtopics as needed.