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Maryland State Board of Law Examiners
PASSING STANDARD AND INFORMATION ON SCORE CALCULATION FOR THE FEBRUARY 2019 GENERAL BAR EXAMINATION

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1.	**The minimum passing Total Scale Score is 406.** An applicant's Total Scale Score for the Maryland General Bar Examination was computed using the following formula:

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Total Scale Score = (Written Test Scale Score x 2) + MBE Scale Score

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2.	The Written Test is comprised of the Board's Essay Test and the Multistate Performance Test (MPT). The raw score for the Written Test is calculated as follows:

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Written Test Raw Score = Sum of Board's Essay Test Raw Scores + (MPT raw score x 1.5)

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3.	The raw score for each of the 10 Essay Questions and the MPT Question was assigned on a relative range of one (1) to six (6) points, and a score of zero was assigned only if an answer booklet was blank or the answer was otherwise totally incorrect or unresponsive to the question. The maximum possible raw score on the Written Test was 69 points. The raw scores assigned to each applicant's written answers ranked the performance of that applicant on each written question relative to the performance on that question of all other applicants taking the Written Test.

4.	An applicant's Written Test Raw Score was converted to the MBE Scale using the following formula:

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Written Test Scale Score = [(A-B) /C] [D] + E, where:

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A = Written Test Raw Score
B = the mean of the A values across all applicants
C = the standard deviation of the A Values across all applicants
D = the standard deviation of the Maryland applicants' MBE scale scores
E = the mean of the Maryland applicants' MBE scale scores

Expressed in numerical terms, the conversion formula for this examination was:

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Written Test Scale Score = [(D/C] x Applicant's Total Raw Essay Score) + [(CE-DB)/C]

or

Written Test Scale Score = (1.8930 x Applicant's Total Raw Essay Score) + 44.0041

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