

How are the Bar Exam and the CPA Exam Different?

BAR EXAM



THREE DAYS

Three of the worst days of your life, as some test-takers have described the test.

WRITING

The Bar Exam consists of two days of writing prompts and one day of multiple choice questions. Logic is a big part of this test.

TWICE A YEAR

The Bar Exam is offered only twice a year, as students can take it in either February or July.

TWO MONTHS

Although law school students have essentially been preparing for the test for three years, many people study for two months.

VARIED TESTS

The test varies significantly from state to state, as each area will have different laws and these are evident in the exams. CA and NY are said to be the hardest.

CPA EXAM



FOUR EXAMS

While each test is only four hours, there are four exams that are required for certification.

MATH

While there is some writing involved in the exam, much of the test is based on an understanding of mathematical concepts.

FLEXIBLE DATES

The CPA Exam can be taken on the first two months of every quarter, plus 10 days in the next month.

SPREAD OUT

People often study while working a full-time job, so the length of time is more spread out and the schedule less rigorous.

SAME TESTS

Though each state may have different (but similar) requirements to sit for the exam, it's the same test no matter where you take it.