

Land Surveying Applicants taking the Massachusetts two hour state specific exam (JP exam) will be asked fifty questions on the following topics:

Topics	Reference Materials	# Ques.
ADV	Adverse Possession: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory law, e.g. MGL C260, S21, MGL 185, §47; C132, §36A • Case Law • Exempt Lands 	5.3%
CND	Condominium Law: e.g. MGL C183A, §1 – §16 Land Court Regulations	2.0%
ENV	Environmental Law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEMA Regulations • Wetland Protection Act • Flood Hazard Zones 	2.0%
GEN	General Boundary Law Subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trespass Law, MGL C266, S120C • Unlawful destruction of boundary markers, MGL C266, S94 • Municipal boundary lines, e.g. MGL C42, §7 & §12 • Destruction of Monuments MGL C266, §94, C1, §5 • Registry of Deeds Requirements, MGL C36, §13A & Rules • Massachusetts Recording Requirements, MGL C183, §4, §6A • Measurement instrument calibrations, MGL C97, §3 & 250 CMR, S6 • Derelict Title Law, Linear Monuments, MGL C183, §58 • Professional Liability laws • Eminent Domain, MGL C79, §4 • Municipal Boundaries, MA NGS, etc. • Other applicable surveying statutory or case laws 	16.7%
GEO	Geographic Subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massachusetts State Plane Coordinate System, e.g. MGL C97, §8 – §13; • NGS Instructions • Related geodetic subjects • Metric Conversions, e.g. MGL C97, §11 • Survey Foot 	3.3%
HGY	Highway Law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. MGL C86, §1 - §3; C183, §58; C81, §5, §12; C233, §79F, C41, §81L; C42, §4; C66, §5, §7, §8, C82, §21-§24, §29 • Proof of public way • Discontinuance & Abandonment • Reversionary Rights • Sideline by occupation • Town Way Records • Paper Streets 	8.0%
LCT	Land Court Laws, Rules, Regulations:	16.0%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. _____ • Land Court Instructions • Torrens System 	
REG	Registration Law, rules & regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. MGL Chapter 112, §61 –§65D & §81D – §81T • Board Rules and regulations, 250 CMR 	19.3%
RIP	Riparian & Littoral Law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. MGL C91, §25, §35, c30, §32-34 • Great Ponds & adjoining ownership • Accretion & reliction • Navigable v. Ownership e.g. 36 Mass. 1910 	8.7%
SBD	Subdivisions Law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval Not Required (ANR) Subdivisions, e.g. MGL C41, S81L & ANR Handbook http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/cd/zoning/anrhandbook.pdf • Vital Access, ANR Handbook • Statutory Subdivisions, e.g. MGL C41 • Status of Way, e.g. MGL C233, §79F • Adequacy of Access, case law, ANR Handbook • Recording Requirements, e.g. MGL C41, §81P • Municipal Subdivision Requirments, e.g. MGL C41, §81Q • Waivers & Variances, e.g. MGL C41, s81R • Other Applicable Case Law 	10.0%
ZON	Zoning Laws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e.g. MGL C40A, MGL C41, §81L, MGL C40A, S6, MGL C40B, §20-24 • Statutory Frontage/Dimensions • Zoning Exemptions/Protections • Comprehensive Permits 	8.7%

In addition to the cites noted above, these topics have also been addressed by land surveying seminars and supporting case law can be found in the MALSCE Law Book.