

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 Plan Requirements, MGL C36, §13A & https://www.sec.state.ma.us/rod/rodpdf/IndexStnds08.pdf Appendix B • 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 • Definition of NAD83, WGS84 & GRS80 • Related geodetic subjects • Metric Conversions, e.g. MGL C97, §11 • Survey Foot 	3.3%

HGY	<p>Highway Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syd Smithers Strets & Ways http://cainhibbard.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Streets-Ways-May-2011.pdf 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	<p>Land Court Laws, Rules, Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e.g. _____ Land Court Instructions Torrens System 	16.0%
REG	<p>Registration Law, rules & regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e.g. MGL Chapter 112, §61 –§65D & §81D – §81T Board Rules and regulations, 250 CMR 	19.3%
RIP	<p>Riparian & Littoral Law:</p> <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 Colonial Ordinance of 1641-1647 http://www.mhd.state.ma.us/apps/SurveyLayouts/historic/historic.asp 	8.7%
SBD	<p>Subdivisions Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval Not Required (ANR) Subdivisions, e.g. MGL C41, S81L & ANR Handbook https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/07/rn/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	<p>Zoning Laws:</p> <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.