



## ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA

Congratulations on passing the California Bar Exam! To check whether you have satisfied all the requirements for admission to practice law in California on the Admission Status screen go to the [Applicant Portal](#).

**If you have satisfied all admissions requirements**, your name will be listed on a motion to the Supreme Court of California that allows you to be included on the official roll of attorneys. You will receive an email from DocuSign containing a link with detailed instructions to complete your attorney registration and attorney's oath.

February 2025 bar exam applicants will receive the DocuSign email on or about **May 7, 2025**.

The State Bar now allows digital signing and processing of oath cards with DocuSign. You may take the oath in-person or virtually before a judge, justice, clerk of a court of record, commanding officer if you are in the military, the American Consul if you are in a foreign country, or anyone authorized to administer oaths. Individuals authorized to administer oaths can be found on the [Attorney Oath webpage](#).

**IMPORTANT: YOU WILL NOT BE ENROLLED OR PERMITTED TO PRACTICE AS AN ATTORNEY UNTIL YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR ATTORNEY REGISTRATION AND AUTHORIZED OATH CARD TO THE STATE BAR'S REGULATION DIVISION. THE OFFICAL DATE OF YOUR ADMISSION IS WHEN THE OATH IS ADMINISTERED.**

For more information on registering as an attorney, fees, the New Attorney Training Program, and ordering a wall admission certificate, please refer to the [Virtual Oath Packet webpage](#). For additional details regarding compliance and Minimum Continuing Legal Education, please visit the State Bar Attorneys [website](#).

For information on admission to the United States District Court, visit the website of the specific district court: [Central District](#), [Eastern District](#), [Northern District](#), or [Southern District](#).

### Adjustment from the November 2024 Special Session

If you participated in the November 2024 bar exam, expect to receive notice soon regarding whether you achieved the minimum threshold of 28 correct answers and received the scoring adjustment. All scoring adjustments have already been incorporated in your score.

## **Time Frame in Which You Must Take Your Oath**

**Your bar exam results are valid for five years from the last day of administration of the exam you passed:** Rule 4.17 of the Rules of the State Bar of California requires that you take the attorney's oath within five years of the last day of administration of the bar exam that you passed. Taking into consideration the retest, the five-year period ends on **March 19, 2030**. If the five-year period expires, unless granted a waiver by the Committee of Bar Examiners, you must take and pass the California Bar Exam again and meet all other admission requirements, including having a valid positive moral character determination on file, to be admitted.

**Your duty to update the Application for Determination of Moral Character:** Rule 4.42 states that once you have been certified by the Supreme Court of California for admission to the practice of law, you do not need to submit a moral character extension application if your positive determination will expire before you take the attorney's oath. However, until you are admitted to practice law, you have a continuing duty to notify the Office of Admissions within 30 days when information provided in the Application for Determination of Moral Character has changed, or there is new information relevant to the application.