



OATH CARD FAQs

1. I submitted my oath card, but have not received my bar number. When can I expect to receive it?

We understand that those who pass the bar exam and fulfill all requirements for admission are eager to be admitted and receive their bar number.

We are processing the oath cards as quickly as possible. However, due to the current heavy volume and pandemic-related restrictions on the number of staff allowed in our office buildings, it is taking three to four weeks to process the many oath cards we receive at this time of year.

Please allow 30 days after our receipt of your oath card for your bar number to be assigned.

We appreciate your patience as we process the large numbers of oath cards we are receiving.

Please remember also that as soon as you have mailed your completed oath card, you are eligible to practice law in California. If asked during this time for your bar number, you may state that it is "Pending."

2. How can I confirm that you received my oath card or check its status?

We are focusing our staff time on processing oath cards. We regret that we cannot respond to individual requests to confirm receipt, provide status, or expedite processing.

3. How do I find out whether my oath card has been processed?

Please check the 'Attorney Search' feature of our website at <http://members.calbar.ca.gov/fal/LicenseeSearch/QuickSearch> for your name—when your profile is published, it will display your bar number. We do not advise new licensees that they have been admitted and provide their new bar numbers.

4. How can I check whether there are any problems delaying processing of my oath card?

If we find any problem with your oath card after we receive it, we will contact you. If the oath card that you received is lost, missing, or damaged before you are sworn in, please contact our Admissions Office at 213-765-1500 about obtaining a replacement.

5. I didn't receive my oath packet; how do I request another one?

Please verify that your mailing address is correct and current within the [Applicant Portal](#), then call the Admissions office at 213-765-1500 to request a replacement packet. Please allow the mail at least five business days to arrive.

6. May I drop by the State Bar office to pick up an oath card?

Due to the shelter-in-place restrictions, it is NOT possible to pick up a replacement packet in person. A replacement packet will be mailed to your address on file. Please ensure that your mailing address is accurate in your Applicant Portal.

7. Once I am admitted, when will I have to pay first-year fees?

Your first fee notice will be sent to you within 30 days of enrollment, and your fees are due within 45 days of the notice date. [This information sheet contains more details.](#)