



## ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA

Congratulations! You have satisfied the requirements for admission to practice law in California. The Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California has obtained an order from the Supreme Court of California permitting you to take the attorney's oath of office on or after May 10, 2021. You may take the attorney's oath of office before a judge, justice or clerk of a court of record, a member of the State Bar Board of Trustees, commanding officer if in the military service, the American Consul if in a foreign country, or anyone authorized to administer oaths. If you are currently residing outside of California, it is not necessary for you to return to California to take the attorney's oath; you may take the oath before any official authorized to administer them. For a list of those authorized to administer oaths, please refer to the "Taking the Attorney Oath" bulletin available online at [Taking the Attorney Oath](#). Information regarding registration as an attorney with The State Bar of California and enrollment, fees, MCLE requirements, and New Attorney Training Program is posted on the [State Bar website](#). Specific information regarding registration as an attorney with the State Bar of California and fees and a State Bar registration card are enclosed.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, in order to adhere to current health advice and to ensure safety for all, in-person admission ceremonies have been canceled until further notice.

For Information regarding admission to the U.S. District Court, consult the court's website:

[Central District](#)

[Eastern District](#)

[Northern District](#)

[Southern District](#)

**Your bar exam results are valid for five years from the last day of administration of the exam you passed.** Once you have been informed that you have fulfilled all the requirements for admission to practice law and you have been certified to the Supreme Court of California as eligible to practice law, it is not necessary to file any additional applications or reapplications, including moral character, during the period between the last date of the exam you passed and the expiration of five years from that date, before taking the attorney's oath. If, however, there is an incident that might affect the validity of your positive moral character determination, you must immediately notify the committee.

You are eligible to start practicing law after your completed Registration Card has been received by the Office of Attorney Regulation & Consumer Resources.

## Rule 4.17

Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 2, Rule 4.17 of the *Rules of the State Bar of California (Admissions Rules)* requires that you take the attorney's oath within five years after the last day of administration of the bar exam that you passed. Otherwise, you become ineligible for admission. If the time period expires, you will have to take and pass the California Bar Exam again and meet all other admission requirements, including having a current positive moral character determination on file, in order to be admitted.

### Certificate of Admission

Customized admission certificates are available to those who wish to order them. The custom wall certificate is printed on cream parchment paper with raised lettering, measures 11" x 14" inches, and includes the embossed gold Supreme Court seal. Your name and date of admission are lithographically impressed to match the certificate text. It is produced by a third-party vendor and takes approximately six weeks to process. The cost of a custom wall certificate is \$90.00.

The standard wall certificate is printed on white cardstock paper with non-raised lettering and a printed border, measures 11" x 15.5" inches, and includes the embossed gold Supreme Court seal. Your name and date of admission are underlined and lithographically impressed to match the certificate text. It is produced by the California Supreme Court and takes approximately 10 weeks to process. The standard wall certificate is free of charge.

Once your bar number has been assigned, you will be able to order your wall certificate online through logging into the [Admissions Applicant Portal](#) and following the instructions below:

- Login to [Admissions Applicant Portal](#) using your Office of Admissions account. Do not create a new account, as licensees can only order with their historical Office of Admissions account.
- Select View Forms under the Apply Icon to view available California State Bar applications and forms.
- Under Services, select either the Standard or Custom Wall Certificate Request.
- Select Launch Application to proceed to the Wall Certificate Request.

### Transfer of MBE Scores to Other Jurisdictions

The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) will transfer your Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) score to admitting authorities in other jurisdictions upon request and payment of a fee. An MBE Score Transfer Request may be completed and submitted online through the NCBE's website at [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org). In accordance with Chapter 5, Rule 4.62(B) of the *Admissions Rules*, applicants who pass the California Bar Exam **are not** entitled to receive their answers or to see their scores from the exam. The NCBE will advise applicants whether their scores meet other jurisdictions' minimum requirements and will transfer the score upon request and payment of a fee.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: YOU WILL NOT BE ENROLLED AS AN ATTORNEY UNTIL YOU HAVE TAKEN THE OATH AND YOUR COMPLETED STATE BAR REGISTRATION CARD IS RECEIVED BY THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA'S OFFICE OF ATTORNEY REGULATION & CONSUMER RESOURCES.**