



FEBRUARY 2022 BAR EXAM FAQs

These FAQs are a living document. They are subject to revision and will be supplemented and updated as needed. Please also refer to the [key dates and deadlines](#) leading up to exam day. **Deadlines will not be extended, and it is the applicant's responsibility to comply with all deadlines.**

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In-Person Exam Logistics

1. Does returning to an in-person exam mean the administration of the exam will return to "normal" – paper exam materials (question booklets and scratch paper), multiple questions administered per session, access to water, and ability to use the restroom during exam sessions?
 - Yes. The administration of the exam will be the same as it was prior to the remote exam administrations. Essays 1–3 will be administered together without breaks during the morning session of Day 1; then, after a lunch break, applicants will return for Essays 4, 5, and the Performance Test, which will be administered together without breaks during the afternoon session of Day 1. The morning session of Day 2 will be comprised of the first 100 Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) questions, after which there will be a lunch break. The last 100 MBE questions will be given during the afternoon session of Day 2. [Please see the full schedule here.](#)
 - Applicants will receive the questions in a paper booklet and will be given scratch paper to use if they need.
 - Applicants will be allowed access to water during the exam.
 - Applicants may leave to use the restroom, but the clock will run continuously.
2. Where are the test centers for the February exam?
 - [The test centers are listed here.](#)
3. Can I choose my test center?
 - You will select a test center when you apply for the exam in the [Applicant Portal](#).
 - Test centers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If your preferred test center is full when you apply, you will be required to choose another option. If you have to select a second-choice test center, you can check if space becomes

available in your preferred test center and submit a test center change request to move to your desired test center.

4. Will we still use ExamSoft?
 - ExamSoft will be used, but not the video proctoring. The proctoring will be conducted live by human proctors at the exam sites. Laptop users will use ExamSoft to type and submit their answers. Please review [the laptops webpage](#) for complete instructions.
5. Will there still be mock exam questions?
 - One mock exam is still **required** to familiarize yourself with the software unless you are planning to handwrite your answers. [Please see the dates and deadlines here.](#)
6. What happens at an in-person site if the software crashes?
 - At an in-person test site, if your laptop or the software crashes, you can switch to handwriting the exam. You will be required to notify your proctor who will provide you with a handwriting packet.
7. Will I be allowed to come to the facility and check it out on Monday before the exam on Tuesday?
 - Only applicants with testing accommodations can come to the test center on Monday, February 21 to view their exam area. Standard applicants are not allowed to come to the test centers until the morning of Tuesday, February 22.
8. Do I need to print out my admittance ticket?
 - Applicants **must** have their printed admittance ticket with them to enter the exam site. The only way to enter our test centers is with a printed admittance ticket in hand. The staff will be handling the tickets with “clear” or “not clear” in different lines, but the ticket **must** be in hand.

Health and Safety Requirements/Refunds

9. Will there be COVID protocols in place?
 - Yes, we will be following all state and federal guidelines and taking additional precautions.
 - Applicants will be asked to double mask or wear a KN95/N95 mask at all test sites. If double-masking, one mask must be a surgical mask.
 - We will be requiring distance between applicants at check-in and putting more space between applicants at the test center tables.
 - Regardless of test center size, all applicants will be required to provide proof of full vaccination. Full vaccination refers to a complete regimen (two dose or single dose, depending on the vaccine) of [a vaccine](#)

[authorized by the CDC](#). Full vaccination must be completed by 2/8/22—two weeks before the start time on the first day of the exam.

- Alternatively, a negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for COVID-19 can be provided as long as it is taken within 48 hours of the start time for the first day of the exam on 2/22/22, or a negative antigen test can be provided as long as it is taken within 24 hours of the exam’s first day start time. Note: the timing for this requirement applies to all test sites. These tests must be performed at a test provider or laboratory. At-home tests are not accepted. Applicants who do not provide documentation of full vaccination or a negative antigen or PCR COVID-19 test will be denied entry to the exam and will not receive a refund of fees.
- Alcohol wipes and hand sanitizer will be available at all exam sites.

10. How do I provide my vaccine or test results?

- The State Bar is using **Health Pass by CLEAR**, which provides secure, digital proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 tests via the free CLEAR mobile app. [See instructions](#).
- Review the [Health Pass by CLEAR privacy policy](#).
- If you have completed your vaccination, you should upload your vaccination status into the Health Pass by CLEAR mobile app so your admittance ticket will read “Vaccination status: Clear.” Applicants with a “Clear” status on their printed admittance ticket will have expedited entry into the exam and will not need to show the QR code on the CLEAR app on their mobile devices at check-in.
- If you see “not clear” on your admittance ticket, and you are vaccinated or are planning to be vaccinated in the U.S. by the February 8 deadline, please read the instructions on how to enroll in Health Pass by CLEAR. Once your updated vaccination information syncs with the State Bar database, your ticket will read “Vaccination status: Clear” and you may print the ticket for expedited entry.
- If you are planning instead to submit proof of a negative test result, your admittance ticket will read “Vaccination status: Not clear.” You will show the proof of a negative COVID test through the CLEAR mobile app on the first day of the exam. See question #9 of the FAQ for testing requirements and deadlines.
- If you have been vaccinated internationally, you will be unable to use the CLEAR mobile app and your admittance ticket will read “Vaccination status: Not clear.” You will be required to show your vaccine card, any relevant translations, and a government issued ID at exam check-in.
- The day before the exam, CLEAR Health Pass app users will need to open the mobile app and link again to the bar exam code – EFATTENDEE200.

11. How can I show my QR code in the CLEAR app on my mobile phone if I’m not allowed to bring a mobile device into the exam?

- If you are vaccinated in the U.S., you will not need to show the QR code on your mobile phone. Once your vaccination status in the CLEAR app links with the State Bar’s database, your admittance ticket will read “Vaccination status: CLEAR.” **You**

must print your admittance ticket from the Applicant Portal for expedited entry. [Read the Health Pass by CLEAR instructions.](#)

- If you are instead submitting proof of a negative COVID-19 test, you will show the QR code on your mobile phone to gain entry to the testing center. Then you will turn off the phone and stow it away before entering the testing area.

Regardless of which proof of entry requirement you are using (vaccination or a negative COVID test) you **must** have a printed admittance ticket to enter the test center.

12. I am an immunocompromised individual. Can I please take the test remotely?

- It will not be possible for anyone to test remotely for the February 2022 bar exam. Because the bar exam relies on test material developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), and NCBE is [not allowing remote testing](#) with their materials (barring an order from a public health authority in an exam jurisdiction), the exam will be administered only in person.
- Applicants may petition for testing accommodations and request a private room; the application process requires submission of medical documentation supporting the need. The petition and all supporting documentation must be submitted and in a complete status by the final filing deadline on January 3, 2022. The deadline will not be extended.

13. In light of the recent surge in COVID cases, I don't want to travel to take this test in person. Can I withdraw from the exam at this point due to my concerns about COVID?

- Yes. The Office of Admissions is seeking to provide in-person testing conditions that are safe for all test takers, proctors, and staff. But we understand that some people might nonetheless have concerns about the in-person environment. For this reason, we allowed applicants to withdraw by January 18 and receive a full refund. Please note: If you ask to withdraw from the exam for this reason after January 18, 2022, you will unfortunately not be eligible for any refund.

14. What if there is a new variant or another serious surge?

- If public health conditions change and a public health authority relevant to the testing center locations issues different mandates for in-person gatherings, we will update all applicants for the February 2022 bar exam accordingly.

15. What happens if I test positive for COVID-19 and cannot come to the exam?

- If you have COVID-19 or any illness that prevents you from attending the February bar exam, you may apply for the [existing 95 percent medical refund of fees](#). Documentation must accompany any request for medical refund.

UPDATES

2/4/2022

- Added new questions #7, #8, and #11
- Question #9 edited to clarify masking requirement and negative COVID test results

1/26/2022

- Two questions deleted as no longer relevant: question #4 regarding test center space and question #12 regarding refunds
- Detail added to question #8 regarding how to provide vaccine test results
- Question #5 edited to clarify that one mock exam is required for laptop users only
- Question #7 edited to clarify that time frame for a negative COVID-19 test applies to all test centers
- Question #10 edited to clarify that the time for withdrawing due to COVID concerns and receiving a full refund has passed

1/19/2022

- Question #9 updated to add a link to the Health Pass by CLEAR privacy policy

1/10/2022

- Q and A reorganized, questions on COVID vaccine/test requirements and refunds added

1/3/2022

- Question #5 updated to add details/deadlines for acceptable vaccination regimens or negative COVID-19 tests

12/17/2021

- Question #5 updated

12/14/2021

- Question #5 updated regarding proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test

12/1/2021

- New question #4 added regarding test center space