



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.**

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 Bar 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 there be COVID protocols in place?
 - Yes, we will be following all state and federal guidelines. Applicants will be asked to double-mask or wear a KN95/N95 mask at all test sites. If a test site goes over 1,000 individuals, this will move the exam into the state category of a “large event,” requiring proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test. We will be requiring distance between applicants at check-in and putting more space between applicants at the test center tables.

5. 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.

6. What if there is a winter COVID-19 surge? What if there is a new variant?
 - 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.

7. 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.

8. Will there still be mock exam questions?
 - Mock exams are still **required** to familiarize yourself with the software. [Please see the dates and deadlines here.](#)

9. 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.