

February 2, 2024



With less than four weeks to go before the February 27–28 Bar Exam, here's what you need to know to make sure you're ready for exam day. We'll be sending you these countdown emails weekly until the exam.

Key Dates and Deadlines

TODAY: Deadline for applicants from San Diego and Sacramento areas to withdraw for credit (see notice below)

February 23: Deadline for laptop users to complete the **mandatory** mock exam and download exam files

February 29 (12:00 p.m. Pacific Time): Deadline for laptop users to [upload answer files](#)

[More Bar Exam Dates and Deadlines](#)

Admittance Tickets and Mock Exams Now Available

Once the State Bar has verified your eligibility to sit for the exam, your admittance ticket will be available in the Applicant Portal. Shortly after, approved applicants using laptops will receive an email from ExamSoft with instructions for downloading the exam software and taking the mandatory mock exam by February 23.

- Read the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#) for important exam-day information.
- Learn more about [using laptops](#) for the February 2024 bar exam.
- Review [instructional videos and guides](#) on taking the mock exam, which is designed to familiarize you with the exam software.

If your admittance ticket is not yet available, it could be because of a pending Testing Accommodations request or because the State Bar has not yet verified your eligibility to sit for the exam.

Testing Sites Open for Viewing Before Exam Day

Applicants who wish to familiarize themselves with their testing site before exam day may do so from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26.

State Bar staff will be on-site to answer questions. Applicants can use this opportunity to assess parking options and facilities. Please note that the exam rooms themselves will not be open for inspection before exam day.

Test Center Changes Due February 13

When you applied to take the California Bar Exam, you selected one of several testing centers throughout the state. Space permitting, you may take the exam at a different testing center. Submit your requests to change testing centers in the [Applicant Portal](#) by **February 13**. [The test centers are listed here](#).

If you were unable to book your preferred location, you may keep checking back to see if space has opened up. If your request was denied, you may file a new request before February 13.

Check that Your ID is Valid

On exam day, you will be required to show a valid government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license, California Identification Card, or passport) for the purpose of identity verification. Now is a good time to make sure your driver's license or other form of identification is up-to-date and will not expire before exam day.

Notice to Examinees from the Sacramento and San Diego Areas

Following public input at the January 18 Board of Trustees meeting, applicants from the Sacramento and San Diego metropolitan areas can request to withdraw from the February 2024 bar exam and apply their paid fees as a credit to the July 2024 bar exam. Recognizing that the February 2024 bar exam test sites did not include sites in Sacramento and San Diego, and that the July 2024 bar exam will include sites in, or close to, these two cities, the Office of Admissions is offering this option as a one-time courtesy.

Applicants requesting an exam credit may submit a general request via the [Applicant Portal](#). Please select Type —> Applicant Support and Subtype —> NorCal Test Sites.

The cut-off date to make this request is **11:59 p.m. on February 2, 2024**. Applicants residing outside the Sacramento or San Diego metropolitan areas are not entitled to this credit. The intent of this exception is to allow applicants to test locally; applicants from outside the Sacramento and San Diego area cannot request to withdraw and be issued this credit.

Applicants who request a credit for their February 2024 bar exam and are subsequently unable or unwilling to sit for the July 2024 bar exam will forfeit their February 2024 bar exam fees.

Any other applicant wishing to withdraw from this exam will be subject to the deadlines noted on the [bar exam landing page](#).

Hotel Discounts Expiring Soon

Some hotels are still [offering special rates](#) for bar exam applicants, but final cut-off dates are coming soon. Please pay attention to when the courtesy rates expire at each hotel. When registering, request the group rate for the State Bar of California exam.

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