

February 9, 2024



With less than three 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**

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

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### **Two Weeks to Complete Mock Exams**

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.

### **Admittance Ticket Questions?**

If your admittance ticket is not yet available, it could be due to one of the following:

- You have a pending Testing Accommodations request.
- The State Bar has not yet verified your eligibility to sit for the exam. The eligibility deadline is February 13.

### **Applicant Portal Offline for Maintenance on February 15**

The Applicant Portal will be down for maintenance from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., PST, on February 15. Please save any updates before then.

### **Information About the New Test Centers**

Applicants testing at these new locations should be aware of the following information.

**Cow Palace–Daly City**, 2600 Geneva Avenue:

- There are limited lunch options nearby, so applicants should consider bringing food to eat during the one-hour lunch break. We also expect to have several food truck vendors on site.
- This venue is designed to accommodate up to 1,920 applicants at three test centers. When you arrive in the parking lot, look for signs directing you to park near your assigned test center. Leave plenty of time to find your testing location and check-in.

**State Bar of California—Los Angeles, 845 South Figueroa Street:**

- If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find and pay for long-term parking. There are several parking lots and garages in the vicinity.
- Note the building address on your admittance ticket. Up to 95 people will be assigned to 845 South Figueroa Street, and up to 30 people will be assigned to 865 S. Figueroa Street next door.
- Build in extra time to go through security before you are escorted to your exam space, which could be a conference room, office, or cubicle space.

**Judicial Council Office—San Francisco, 455 Golden Gate Avenue:**

- If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find and pay for parking. There are several parking lots and garages in the vicinity.
- Check-in for up to 96 applicants will be on the lower level of the building.
- Build in extra time to go through security and find your exam space, which could be on the third floor or the lower level.

**Hotel Fera—Anaheim, 100 The City Drive North, Orange:**

- This is not a new location, but a name change for the hotel formerly known as DoubleTree Orange.

**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.

Since the State Bar will be using larger test sites for this exam administration, more applicants will be at each site. Arrive early to ensure sufficient time to park and settle into your testing space. Read below for more information about the new test centers so you are prepared on exam day.

**February 13 Eligibility, Withdrawal Deadlines**

Most applicants have already received confirmation of their eligibility to sit for the February Bar Exam. For those still pending eligibility to sit for this exam, please be aware that February 13 is the final deadline to submit proof of eligibility to sit for the exam. February 13 is also the final deadline for general applicants to submit proof of law study and for attorney applicants to submit a Certificate of Good Standing from another jurisdiction.

Considering withdrawing from the exam? Please note that February 13 is the final withdrawal deadline. Those who withdraw after February 13 will be considered no-shows, which could delay their processing for the next exam.

### **Stay Hydrated**

Applicants will be allowed access to water during the exam. However, please note that water fountains may not be available at all test sites. Test takers can bring one filled water bottle into the testing center. It must be a clear, plastic container with a lid no larger than 32 ounces. It must have no labels or writing. To reduce the chance of accidental spillage, store water bottles on the floor away from exam materials.

### **Did You Know? If Your Laptop or Software Crashes, You May Handwrite the Exam**

Most technical issues during an exam can be resolved by rebooting your laptop. Do not attempt to exit the exam. Simply turn off your device (press and hold the power button). On restart, Exemplify should return to within 59 seconds of where you left off. If the problem persists, notify a proctor, who will provide you with a handwriting packet. You will not be able to get individual troubleshooting help onsite. Find more exam-day information in the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#).

### **Final Week for Hotel Discounts**

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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