State Bar of California Annual Fees Information
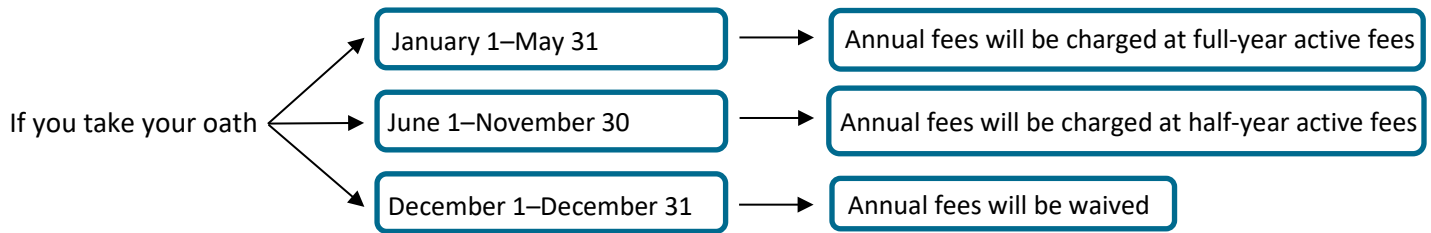## Please read the following before you take your oath.

All licensed attorneys (active or inactive) pay annual license fees. As shown below, your first year's fees are based on your date of admission—the date when you take your oath.

If you take your oath

January 1–May 31	→	Annual fees will be charged at full-year active fees
June 1–November 30	→	Annual fees will be charged at half-year active fees
December 1–December 31	→	Annual fees will be waived

2021 and 2022 Annual Fees Schedule

Description	Amount
Full-year active fees	$515.00
Half-year active fees	$257.50

The State Bar will issue a fee notice to you within 30 days of your admission. **Fees assessed in December 2021, or later, will ALSO include 2022 active fees**.

- Fees are due within 45 days of the date on your notice, or a late penalty is assessed on the 46th day.
- Future annual fees will be billed for the following full year's fees in December and due February 1 of each year.

Payment notices are sent by email only, so please calendar these dates. Once you are registered as a licensed attorney and have an assigned bar number, submit any contact information changes using My State Bar Profile. You will find your initial access code in your first fee notice.

Status or class of State Bar license
There are two classes of licensing: active and inactive. New attorneys are enrolled with an active license and will be billed active fees for the calendar year in which they are admitted.

Transferring to inactive status is a serious step requiring the completion of a specific form available online. Please note that while transfers to inactive status may be done at any time, new attorneys **are not** eligible for the inactive billing rate during the calendar year in which they are admitted.

If you do not plan to practice law right away and are considering inactive status, you are encouraged to **contact the State Bar before taking your oath** to discuss your options.

Questions regarding State Bar annual fees?
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