



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

These FAQs are a living document. They are subject to revision and will be supplemented and updated as needed.

California Bar Examination

1. What items am I allowed to bring in the exam room?

Items listed in the Admittance Ticket Bulletin are allowed without prior approval. The Admittance Ticket Bulletin can be found at the [California Bar Exam](#) webpage. Items not listed in the bulletin will require approval through the testing accommodation process. Please refer to the bulletin for the prior administration of the exam if the bulletin is not yet available for the exam you intend to take; however, please note that the bulletin is subject to change.

2. I can't view my Admittance Ticket. What do I do?

Make sure you complete all demographic information located in your [Admissions Applicant Portal](#). To locate this section, go to My Profile at the top right corner and click on the Update the contact information link. Select the Edit button and scroll down to Demographic section.

If you have a pending request for testing accommodations, your Admittance Ticket will not be released until your testing accommodation case is concluded.

3. Why does my Admittance Ticket say 2-day exam when I've been approved for extended days?

For all applicants, the Admittance Ticket will reflect whether they are approved to take the 1-Day Attorneys' Examination or the 2-day General Bar Examination. Your Admittance Ticket will not reflect your extended testing days. Please refer to your Testing Accommodations Notice and follow the schedule contained in the notice.

4. I am assigned to a standard test center. How do I sign up to take the exam at a testing accommodations site?

In the event that you are granted accommodations that require you to be at a testing accommodations site, staff will reassign you, and your Admittance Ticket will be reissued with the updated testing accommodations site.

5. Which testing accommodations test site was I reassigned to?

Once your Admittance Ticket is available, you can view your assigned testing

accommodations site on the ticket. The ticket will list the general location of the exam. Upon arrival at the test site, you will check in at the staff table to receive your room assignment. You can also view your testing location by accessing the corresponding examination case in your Applicant Portal. Your exam location will be listed in the Details tab and underneath the Examination Event Information.

6. How to I change my testing accommodation location?

If you are requesting to change your testing accommodation test center to a different testing accommodation location, you may submit the request through the Applicant Portal or by emailing testing.accommodations@calbar.ca.gov by the test center change request deadline. Space is subject to availability, and it is not guaranteed that your request will be granted.

7. My Testing Accommodations Notice has different lunch break schedules. Am I allowed to leave the test site, or do I remain on site?

Your Testing Accommodations Notice contains your examination schedule and an explanation about your lunch breaks. Please read your notice carefully, as lunch schedules may vary.

Each day may have one of three lunch options:

- No lunch break: Typically, you will not have a lunch break if you only take one session of the exam that day for no more than four and a half hours.
- Lunch break between sessions: Typically, you will have a lunch break scheduled between sessions if you take two sessions of the exam that day, and they are each scheduled for no more than four hours and a half hours. You must leave the testing room and report at the designated time for the start of your next exam session. You are not allowed to eat lunch in the testing room unless you have received prior approval as an accommodation.
- Lunch break during a session in the secure lunchroom: Typically, you will have a lunch break during the session if you only take one session of the exam for more than four hour and a half hours day. Your lunch break will be scheduled on the day of the exam with your proctor, and you must take it in the secure lunchroom. You must bring your lunch as you will not be allowed to leave the secure testing area. You will not be permitted to retrieve your lunch from your car or buy lunch at the exam site. You are not allowed to eat lunch in the testing room unless you have received prior approval as an accommodation.

8. Am I allowed to bring a backpack or personal bag to hold items?

No. You are not permitted to have any extraneous or personal items (e.g., backpacks, purses, cell phones, etc.) in the exam room. Such items will not be allowed into the testing rooms and must be left outside of the secure testing area, such as your hotel room or car, or in the designated courtesy location provided. All bags are to remain outside the examination room. The Committee of Bar Examiners, Office of Admissions staff, and proctors assume no responsibility for personal items left in those areas.

Ensure all audible devices left outside or in the designated courtesy area are set to silent or turned off.

9. I was granted extended time on the exam. When do I have to upload my answers for the written sessions?

All answers must be uploaded by noon the day after your exam ends. Example: If your last testing day is Thursday, you must upload your answer files by noon on Friday.

10. I am unable to make it to check in at the testing site the day before the exam. Will I be penalized for this?

No. The Monday check-in is highly recommended but not mandatory. At the check-in, you will have the opportunity to have your equipment inspected (if applicable), confirm the accommodations granted, and ask staff any questions you may have.

11. How long does it take until I find out whether my request for accommodations is approved or not? I would like to know if I need to file an appeal.

The processing may take up to 60 days from the date your Testing Accommodations application is deemed complete by the State Bar. If you submit an application close to the final filing deadline, there may not be enough time after receiving a decision to submit a request for review. Early filing is strongly encouraged.