



INFORMATION FOR UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS OCTOBER 2025 FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS' EXAM

The October 2025 First-Year Law Students' Exam consisted of 100 multiple-choice questions testing Contracts, Criminal Law, and Torts. The passing score for the First-Year Law Students' Exam is a total scaled score of 560 or higher.

GRADING

Ninety of the 100 multiple-choice questions, 30 from each subject area, contributed to an applicant's total score. The remaining 10 questions were used for pretesting and as potential substitutes if any of the scored questions did not perform well statistically. An applicant's raw multiple-choice score will equal the number of questions answered correctly. Through a process known as "equating," the raw scores will be converted to a scaled score with a theoretical maximum of 800 points. This process adjusts for possible differences in average difficulty between different forms and administrations of the exam.

Your result letter indicates your raw total score for each subject area of the exam, your total raw score, and your total scaled score.

An applicant's raw score is the total number of questions answered correctly. Each exam question is worth one point. Through the Tucker linear equating process, the multiple-choice raw scores are converted to an equated multiple-choice score. This process adjusts for the possible differences between forms and administrations of the exam in the average difficulty of the particular version of the exam that the applicant takes. The equated raw scores were then scaled to a score range of 0 to 800, with a scaled score of 560 or higher required to pass the exam.

RESULT LETTERS

Result letters are posted to the [Applicant Portal](#). Please save or print a copy for your records, as the letters will be removed from the Applicant Portal on January 9, 2026.

REVIEW MULTIPLE-CHOICE ANSWERS

You may review the exam in person at either the State Bar's San Francisco or Los Angeles office, under the supervision of staff from the Office of Admissions. Appointments are available from December 22, 2025, through January 30, 2026, and may be scheduled at either 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. You are limited to one appointment. Appointments will be one and a half hours in duration and must be scheduled in advance. Note-taking, audio or video recording is not

allowed. To schedule an appointment, you should email Admissions@calbar.ca.gov with your preferred date, time, and location (San Francisco or Los Angeles). Your appointment is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation from the Office of Admissions.

FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS' EXAM CONTENT MAPS

Content maps for each subject area are available for students who are preparing for the exam. The content maps outline the law material covered under each subject area and can be found at the First-Year Law Students' Exam Grading and Scope [webpage](#).

CREDIT FOR LAW STUDY AFTER PASSING THE FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS' EXAM

An applicant who passes the exam within three consecutive administrations of first becoming eligible to take the exam, as determined by the State Bar, will receive credit for all law study completed to the date of the administration of the exam passed, subject to any restrictions otherwise covered by the [Admission Rules](#). An applicant who does not pass the exam within three consecutive administrations of first becoming eligible to take the exam, but who subsequently passes the exam, will receive credit for their first year of law study only.