



FEBRUARY 2026 BAR EXAM ADMITTANCE TICKET BULLETIN

Beginning January 27, 2026, the State Bar will notify applicants approved for the [February 2026 California Bar Examination](#) that their Admittance Ticket is available in the [Applicant Portal](#).

Applicants must print and bring their Admittance Ticket to each exam session. The ticket is required to access the test center. The ticket includes the Applicant Number and NCBE Number, which must be written on exam materials, and the applicant’s assigned test center. Applicants will not be permitted to test at any location other than the one listed on their ticket. If a test center change request is approved after the ticket is issued, the applicant must print a new ticket with the updated information. If there is an error on the ticket (e.g., misspelled name or incorrect test center), applicants must notify the State Bar immediately through the [Applicant Portal](#) so a corrected ticket can be issued.

Applicants taking the February 2026 bar exam should carefully review this Admittance Ticket Bulletin before the first day of the exam. It contains important information that is essential for exam preparation.

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FEBRUARY 2026 BAR EXAM SCHEDULE

The California Bar Examination is comprised of the General Bar Exam and the Attorneys' Exam. Unless extended time has been granted to an applicant as a testing accommodation, the **General Bar Exam** will take place over two days on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**, and **Wednesday, February 25, 2026**. The February 2026 bar exam will be administered in person at designated testing sites in California.

The General Bar Exam consists of the written sessions (five essay questions and one Performance Test (PT)), to be administered on Tuesday, and the [Multistate Bar Exam \(MBE\)](#), the 200-question multiple-choice session developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), to be administered on Wednesday.

Attorney applicants approved to take the **Attorneys' Exam** are only required to take the written sessions of the General Bar Exam, which will take place on one day only, **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**.

Applicants who have been approved to receive testing accommodations should refer to the supplemental information provided in the Testing Accommodations Bulletin and their Testing Accommodation Notice sent with their decision letter for their specific testing schedule.

Applicants must be seated by 8:20 a.m. each morning. Instructions will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m., followed immediately by the start of the exam. We recommend arriving at least 30 minutes before 8:20 a.m. to check in, locate your assigned seat, set up your laptop, and prepare for the exam. Instructions will not be repeated for late arrivals. If your laptop computer is not ready to begin at the designated time, for whatever reason, you must begin the exam by handwriting. No extra time will be provided to ensure that a laptop computer is ready for use before the session begins.

Assigned seating will be enforced so that all applicants receive the appropriate materials; applicants cannot change seats.

Exam Schedule by Day and Session

Day 1 (written sessions)	Day 2 (Multistate Bar Exam sessions)
Morning: Essays 1, 2, and 3 (3 hours)	Morning: Questions 1–100 (3 hours)
Lunch Break	Lunch Break
Afternoon: Essays 4, 5, and PT (3.5 hours)	Afternoon: Questions 101–200 (3 hours)

Applicants will be allowed to re-enter the building or the secure exam area for the afternoon session at approximately 1:30 p.m. Applicants should immediately return to their seats for instructions. Testing will end on Day 1 at approximately 5:30 p.m., and testing on Day 2 will end at approximately 5:00 p.m. Applicants may be released from the exam room later than these times, depending on the actual start time of the exam and the time required to collect and secure all exam materials. Unless otherwise notified

as part of a granted testing accommodation for extended time, a lunch break will follow the morning session, and all applicants will be required to leave the building or secure exam area during the break.

Attorney applicants approved to take the Attorneys' Exam will only take the written sessions of the exam. Attorney applicants who have been approved to take the Attorneys' Exam will find the words "1-Day Exam" printed on their Admittance Ticket. If those words are not included on your Admittance Ticket, you are scheduled to participate in the General Bar Exam. Requests to change from the Attorneys' Exam to the General Bar Exam, or vice versa, cannot be honored after the **January 2, 2026**, final filing [deadline](#).

Applicants granted extended time as a testing accommodation will follow a modified [testing schedule](#), which may include different start times than those listed above. Applicants granted extended time will receive an email with their approved testing schedule.

EXAM FORMAT

The General Bar Exam consists of written sessions featuring five essay questions and one PT, and the MBE sessions featuring a total of 200 multiple-choice questions.

The **written sessions** consist of a three-hour morning session, during which essays 1, 2, and 3 are administered, and a three-and-a-half-hour afternoon session, during which essays 4 and 5 and the PT are administered.

During each session, applicants may answer the questions in any order. However, once a session ends, they cannot return to any questions from that session. While each essay is designed to be completed in one hour and the PT in 90 minutes, applicants may allocate their time freely within each session.

Applicants must bring their own laptop to enter their responses to the essays and PT into ExamSoft's Exemplify software; no internet connection is required during the exam. Before the exam, applicants will receive emails with instructions for downloading Exemplify and completing a mandatory mock exam. During the exam, applicants will receive hard copy question books and physical scratch paper for the written session.

Applicants are approved to handwrite the exam by selecting that option at the time they submit their bar exam application or after submitting a test method change request. Handwriters are not required to bring a laptop.

The **MBE sessions** consist of two three-hour sessions, each with 100 multiple-choice questions. During each session, applicants may answer the questions in any order. However, once a session ends, they cannot return to any questions from that session.

Applicants will receive a hard copy multiple-choice question book and will respond on a Scantron sheet using a #2 pencil. Applicants may take notes in the hard copy book; no scratch paper will be provided. A laptop is not required for the MBE session.

The Attorneys' Exam consists of five essay questions and one PT. The format and materials are the same as described for the written sessions of the General Bar Exam.

TEST CENTER ENVIRONMENT

The State Bar makes every effort to maintain a comfortable and quiet test center environment. However, events, conditions, or actions of third parties may occur that are beyond the State Bar's control.

Applicants should be prepared for noise, which may include sounds from others taking the exam, proctors performing their duties, people entering or exiting the room, noise from equipment inside and outside the test center, and other events in the same facility. Applicants are strongly encouraged to bring foam earplugs.

Applicants should also be prepared for temperature fluctuations. Exam rooms often increase in temperature as more applicants enter the room. Applicants are strongly encouraged to dress in layers that can be removed to stay comfortable in both cool and warm temperatures.

EXAM ADMINISTRATION RULES AND POLICIES

This section outlines the rules that applicants must follow during the exam. Review carefully to ensure compliance and avoid issues on exam day.

For the February 2026 bar exam, the State Bar will administer the MBE, created by the NCBE. Rules for the written sessions are set by the State Bar, while rules for the MBE sessions are set by the NCBE.

ATTENDANCE

Applicants must be on time for the exam. Applicants who arrive one hour or more after the scheduled start time will not be allowed to take the exam. Instructions will not be repeated for any late arrivals.

Applicants are required to make a good-faith effort to complete each session they attend, meaning they must attempt to answer the questions and apply the law to the facts. Failure to do so may result in receiving a conduct violation notice and disqualification from the remaining sessions.

Applicants who are absent for any session will not be allowed to take the remaining sessions, their answers will not be graded, and they will be considered as not having taken the exam. Applicants who intend to take a future administration of the exam will be subject to the same application filing deadlines and late fees, if any, applicable to first-time applicants rather than those applicable to immediate repeaters.

Applicants may leave the exam room after completing a session. However, if present when the time warning is called (last 5 minutes of the written sessions and last 15 minutes of the MBE sessions), applicants must remain seated until all applicants are released. Applicants who leave the exam room early must leave their laptops in the exam room until the session is over. They can return at the end of the session to retrieve their laptops.

Applicants taking the Attorneys' Exam will not be allowed to re-enter the test center after completing the written session. The only exception is for applicants who finish the Attorneys' Exam early and are

instructed to return later to retrieve their laptop.

SECURE EXAM AREA

Each test center includes exam rooms located within a larger secure exam area. Generally, at the entrance to this area is a staffed table where State Bar personnel assist applicants during the exam. Large signs clearly mark the entry and exit points of the secure exam area.

The restrooms available for applicant use during the exam are found within the secured exam area.

Applicants who exit the secure exam area while an exam session is in progress will not be allowed to re-enter until that session ends.

CONDUCT

Applicants are expected to demonstrate integrity, honor, and ethical behavior during all exams administered by the State Bar of California.

Applicants will be issued a conduct violation notice, pursuant to [Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 6 of the Rules of the State Bar](#) and the [Guidelines Governing the Interpretation and Application of Chapter 6 of the Admissions Rules](#), if they fail to comply with oral or written instructions during the exam or violate the exam rules. Conduct violation notices are often referred to as **Chapter 6 Notices**.

Additionally, conduct that compromises exam security or safety, or disrupts the administration of the exam, may result in a Chapter 6 Notice (e.g., bringing prohibited items into the exam room, writing or typing anything after time is called, attempting to view another applicant's work, speaking during the exam, or acting unprofessionally toward other applicants, State Bar staff, proctors, or exam personnel).

Applicants who receive a Chapter 6 Notice may be [subject to sanctions](#), including dismissal from the test center, consideration of the violation during a review of their moral character, or receiving a score of zero for the session in which the violation occurred.

PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED ITEMS

All applicants must bring the following to each session of the exam:

- A valid government-issued photo identification (e.g., driver's license, California Identification Card, or passport)
- Their Admittance Ticket, which must be free of any additional writing. Writing on the Admittance Ticket before or during the exam may result in a Chapter 6 Notice.

Personal Items

Applicants may bring small, **permitted items** (e.g., medication, foam earplugs, pens, etc.) into the exam room in a small, clear plastic bag no larger than one gallon. The small, clear bag may remain on the applicant's desk. Larger permitted items, such as pillows, are not required to fit into the clear plastic bag.

Prohibited items must be left outside the exam area at the applicant’s own risk. This includes any backpacks or bags with personal items that are not clear or otherwise do not meet the requirements for bags containing permitted personal items described above. The State Bar, Committee of Bar Examiners, and exam proctors do not assume responsibility for personal items left outside the exam room. Applicants are not permitted access to those items while an exam session is in progress. They may access prohibited items during scheduled breaks.

Smoking and vaping are not allowed in the exam room or secure exam area. Local ordinances or building policies may also prohibit smoking or vaping anywhere on the premises.

Permitted Items for Written Sessions

Applicants must bring their own laptop for the written session. Internet access is not required during the exam. Applicants are strongly encouraged to bring a laptop power cord to plug into the electrical outlets provided at the test centers. Power cords will not be provided by the State Bar. Although an electrical outlet will be available to you, be sure to have a fully charged battery in case there is an electrical problem.

Applicants must bring their own pens and pencils for notetaking on scratch paper during the written sessions. Scratch paper will be distributed. Those who are approved to handwrite their answers must also bring their own blue or black ink ballpoint pens for the written sessions.

To prepare for the unlikely event of a laptop or software malfunction requiring applicants to switch to handwriting the exam, applicants are advised to bring several blue or black ink ballpoint pens for the written sessions. The test center will not supply them.

The following are **permitted items** that are allowed in the exam room without prior approval for the written sessions of the exam:

<p>Personal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small, clear bag (no larger than one gallon) in which to carry other permitted items is allowed on the desk. • Cash (no writing on it) • Credit/debit cards • Keys • Religious headwear (e.g., hijabs, yarmulkes, etc.)
<p>Health/wellness and visual aid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough drops/lozenges (unwrapped) • Diabetes-related items and equipment (does not include food or drinks) • Eyedrops (no labels or writing on it) • Eyeglasses (no cases or sunglasses) • Face masks (no writing on them) • Foam earplugs (not connected to one another) • Inhalers • Lip balm/lip care product (no labels or writing on it)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menstrual products • Over-the-counter and prescription medication • Water bottle (one unlabeled, clear bottle or cup with a lid no larger than 40 oz; water will not be available in the exam room; no other types of drinks or powder drink mixes are permitted)
Timekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analog timers and clocks (must be 4" x 4" or smaller) • Silent analog watches
Medical equipment and comfort aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back support (one permitted; no cover) • Cast, splint, brace • Crutches, wheelchair • Footrest (one permitted) • Hearing aids • Orthopedic cushion or standard-size pillow (one permitted; no case)
Stationery and computer accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document holder or bookstand (one permitted) • Erasers (whether or not attached to a writing utensil; no writing on it) • Highlighters to mark questions or notes (not allowed in exam responses) • Keyboard (wired or wireless) • Laptop riser/stand (no higher than 4") • Mouse (wired or wireless) • Mouse pad (must be solid color without writing) • Non-digital pens (blue or black ink permitted only) and non-mechanical pencils (i.e., soft lead #2 pencils) • Paper clips • Pencil sharpener (manual; must be clear and have an attachable container to catch shavings) • Rulers

Permitted items are subject to inspection at the test centers.

Additional items approved as a testing accommodation are allowed in the exam room as listed in an applicant's Testing Accommodations Notice.

Prohibited Items for Written Session

Any item not listed as permitted above is considered a **prohibited item** and is not allowed in the exam room. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Bags, backpacks, laptop sleeves, or purses (other than a clear bag mentioned in the permitted items list)

- Caps, hats, and/or hoods (except religious apparel) worn on the head. Clothing with hoods is permitted; however, the hood cannot be worn during the exam.
- Cell phone
- Drinks other than water
- Earplugs made of silicon, wax, or electronic components
- Electronic devices that are digital, programmable, or noise-emitting, such as an activity tracker (e.g., Fitbit), a digital watch (including any smart watch), or a digital timing device
- Firearms or other weapons
- Food (including candy or gum)
- Mechanical pencils
- Tissues (will be available inside the exam room)
- USBs and other information storage media
- Wallets

Applicants found with any prohibited items, whether bringing such items into the exam room was intentional or unintentional, may have the item confiscated, will receive a Chapter 6 Notice, may receive a score of zero for the test session in which they are found to have the prohibited item, and may face additional sanctions.

Permitted Items for MBE Session

Applicants must bring a sufficient quantity of non-mechanical #2 pencils for the MBE sessions to fill in the Scantron answer sheets. Test centers will not provide pencils.

Items listed as permitted for the written sessions and not included in the prohibited items list for the MBE sessions below are allowed during the MBE sessions.

Prohibited Items for MBE Session

The list of **prohibited items** for the MBE differs from that for the written session. Please review the prohibited items list below carefully to ensure compliance with MBE requirements.

- Briefcases, handbags, or backpacks of any kind
- Caps, hats, and/or hoods (except religious apparel) worn on the head. Clothing with hoods is permitted; however, the hood cannot be worn during the exam.
- Earmuffs of any kind (foam earplugs will be allowed per a waiver approved by the NCBE)
- Electronic devices, including but not limited to
 - Cell phones
 - Digital watches or timers (analog timers and clocks 4"x 4" or smaller are allowed per a waiver approved by the NCBE)
 - E-cigarettes or vaping products
 - Fitness trackers
 - Headphones
 - Language translators
 - Media players

- Picture-taking devices
- E-cigarettes
- External mice or keyboards
- Firearms or other weapons
- Food or beverages other than water
- Laptop riser, document holder, computer
- Mechanical pencils, mechanical erasers, pens, highlighters
- Rulers
- Scratch paper or paper of any kind
- Written materials (including books and notes; Admittance Tickets will be allowed per a waiver approved by the NCBE)

The State Bar has received a waiver from the NCBE to modify their standard rules. Therefore, the permitted and prohibited items for the MBE sessions may look different than those listed on the NCBE's website.

EXAM POLICIES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Admittance and Identification

- The Admittance Ticket contains your Applicant Number, File Number, and NCBE number. Applicants must show their ticket each time they enter the test center and keep the ticket on their desk during the exam. Applicants must take the ticket with them during lunch and at the end of the day.
- When an applicant arrives at their assigned seat, they will receive a badge to serve as identification. Applicants must wear the badge visibly at all times, show the badge when requested, or relocate the badge if it is not placed appropriately. Applicants must leave their badge at their seat at the conclusion of each exam session. On the final day, after the last session, applicants may take their badge with them.
- Applicants must carry a valid government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license, California Identification Card, or passport) at all times during the exam. Applicants may be required to provide fingerprints during the exam. Refusal to do so will result in a Chapter 6 Notice.

Typing Responses on a Laptop Computer

- Hard copy exam materials and scratch paper will be distributed to all applicants before each written session begins. Applicants using a laptop computer will read the questions in a hard copy question book and type their responses on their laptop.
- In the event of a laptop or software malfunction, or if a power failure or interruption occurs, applicants must handwrite their answers. No extra time will be provided for setup or switching to a handwriting packet. Technical assistance will not be available.
- Exemplify saves two answer files with your responses to the essay questions and the PT. Upload the two answer files as soon as possible after the exam and no later than the deadline: **Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time)**. Applicants granted extended time as a testing accommodation must upload their answer files by noon the day after their final exam

session. Those who test over five or more days may have additional answer files that need to be uploaded.

- To avoid disrupting other applicants or inadvertently disconnecting another applicant's power cord, do not disconnect or remove your laptop from electrical outlets or the exam room until the session has ended and all applicants are dismissed. If you complete the session early and leave the exam room, you must leave your laptop and return to retrieve it after the session ends.
- Proctors cannot assist with technical issues.
- Learn more about using a laptop on the State Bar's [Laptops for the February 2026 Bar Exam webpage](#).

Handwriting Responses

- Do not write notes, outlines, answers, time schedules, or make any marks on the inside or outside of the book covers during the written session.
- Use the correct answer book to write your response for each essay question and the PT. For example, the response for Essay Question 1 must be written in the answer book for Essay Question 1. Answers written in the wrong answer book could delay the grading of an applicant's answer. If you wrote your response in the wrong answer book, notify a proctor at the conclusion of the session.
- Write legibly using a blue or black ink ballpoint pen. Pencils, highlighters, and white-out are not permitted for writing or editing essay or PT responses.
- At the end of each written session, submit all handwritten answers to a proctor as instructed. If your answer is partially handwritten because you were unable to complete the session using a laptop, complete and submit the Laptop Answer Preparation form provided in the Laptop Handwriting Packet provided to you by a proctor.

Exam Materials

- Do not remove any exam materials from the test center. After each session, place all question books and scratch paper in the envelope designated for that purpose. If you submit answers partly on your laptop and partly handwritten, please follow the additional instructions provided in the Laptop Handwriting Packet for returning exam materials.
- To request additional scratch paper or lined paper to handwrite answers, raise your hand during the session.
- For the MBE sessions, use only non-mechanical #2 pencils to mark answers on the Scantron sheet. Answers marked in the question book will not be graded, and extra time will not be granted to transfer answers to a Scantron sheet.
- Do not write notes on the exam materials or Admittance Ticket before exam sessions begin. If using a laptop, do not access notes or documents on your device after entering the secure exam area.

Timing, Seating, and Restroom Access

- The official time for each session is kept by the announcer, or in smaller rooms, the proctor. Wall clocks are not provided. Courtesy time warnings will be announced, but failure to give them will

not affect the outcome of the exam or the grading process and is not grounds for a grade adjustment.

- Permitted timing devices, analog timers and clocks (must be 4" x 4" or smaller), and silent analog watches are allowed for timekeeping purposes only. Digital, programmable, or noise-making timing devices are prohibited.
- Typing or writing must stop immediately when time is called. Continuing to write or type after the time is called will result in a Chapter 6 Notice.
- Applicants must remain quiet in the exam room at all times and must keep noise to a minimum whenever they leave their seats.
- Restrooms are available at each test center. Applicants will not be permitted to use the restroom or leave their seats during the last 5 minutes of the written sessions or the last 15 minutes of the MBE sessions.
- After time is called, applicants cannot use the restroom or leave their seats until all materials are collected and inventoried. If an applicant fails to remain seated after being advised to do so or while the exam materials are being collected and inventoried, they may receive a Chapter 6 Notice.
- In case of an emergency, remain seated and wait for instructions.

LAPTOPS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2026 BAR EXAM

Applicants are required to use **ExamSoft's Exemplify software** to complete the written sessions—unless they have been approved to handwrite their responses. Exemplify is a secure word-processing application that restricts access to non-exam files during the exam and is designed to be familiar to users of Microsoft Word or Google Docs.

Below is a summary of important information for applicants using a laptop. For comprehensive details, please visit the [Laptops for the February 2026 Bar Exam webpage](#).

LAPTOP SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum system requirements for running Exemplify can be found on [ExamSoft's website](#). For optimal computer performance, the State Bar recommends using a laptop that exceeds the minimum requirements for memory and hard drive space.

Desktop computers and tablets with detachable keyboards (e.g., iPad or Surface Pro) are not allowed. The maximum size allowed for a laptop computer screen is 17.3 inches.

REGISTERING YOUR LAPTOP

Beginning **January 27, 2026**, ExamSoft will email applicants approved to take the bar exam with instructions on how to download and install Exemplify and register a laptop to be used on exam day.

The email will instruct applicants to confirm that their laptop meets the [minimum system requirements](#), register the laptop they plan to use on exam day, download the exam files for both the mock exam and the actual exam, complete the mock exam, and upload the mock exam answer files.

This process must be completed each time you register to take the bar examination, regardless of any

previous Exemplify registrations you may have completed for this bar examination or any other examination. If you have previously used SofTest or Exemplify, you must completely uninstall any prior version used before downloading and installing the version of Exemplify used for the February 2026 bar exam.

Do not copy the Exemplify software from one computer to another (i.e., do not download the software to a desktop computer and try to manually move it to your laptop). If you move the software and exam files to another computer, an error message displays when you attempt to begin the exam. If this error message appears, you will be unable to use your laptop to take the exam, and you will be required to handwrite your answers.

COMPLETING THE MANDATORY MOCK EXAM

All applicants using a laptop must complete the mock exam. The mock exam is not a practice bar exam. It is designed to verify that your laptop works with Exemplify, familiarize you with opening, using, and uploading answer files, and confirm keyboard functionality by typing a paragraph in each window.

Applicants must complete the mock exam at least once, but they may take it up to five times to become familiar with the platform. To retake it, click “Refresh Exam List”, download the exam again, and enter the password to begin.

The deadline to complete the mock exam is **February 20, 2026**. Early completion is strongly recommended to allow time for troubleshooting or for ExamSoft to assist in resolving any problems that may occur prior to the exam.

After uploading your mock exam answer file, you will receive an email confirmation. This completes the mock exam process and registers your laptop as approved to use on exam day. Until an applicant receives the email confirmation, they have not completed the mock exam process and are not approved to use a laptop for the exam. Failure to complete and upload the mock exam answer file will result in being required to handwrite your responses.

After completing the mock exam process, your laptop is registered, and you are approved to use the laptop for the exam.

See the [instructional videos and guides](#) on taking the mock exam.

LAPTOP COMPUTER PROBLEMS AFTER REGISTRATION

If your laptop becomes inoperable after completing the mock exam and registering your laptop, you may request to register a new laptop and re-download the exam-day files using the “Re-Download Exemplify” link. [Read more about the re-download process](#) from ExamSoft. Applicants cannot download the exam-day files on more than one laptop; backup laptops are not permitted, unless granted as a testing accommodation.

Review [ExamSoft's Bar Applicant FAQ](#) or visit the [ExamSoft Support Page](#) for more information on the use of the software or addressing technical issues during the installation or mock exam process. Most issues

can be resolved using ExamSoft's support guides and troubleshooting tips.

Should an applicant continue to have technical problems, however, they should call ExamSoft Client Support at 1-888-816-3065. Technical support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Any attempt to disable or tamper with Exemplify's security features is prohibited. If it is discovered that tampering has been attempted, this information will be reported to the Committee of Bar Examiners for whatever action it may deem appropriate, which could include disqualification for admission to practice law in California.

UPLOADING ANSWER FILES

The answer files contain your responses to the essays and the PT. Upload the answer files as soon as possible after the exam and no later than the deadline: **Thursday, February 26, at 12:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)**. Applicants granted extended time as a testing accommodation must upload their answer files by noon the day after their final exam session.

Applicants must not edit or modify their answer files between the time the exam ends and when they upload their answer files; doing so will result in the applicant receiving a score of zero for the session and a referral to the Moral Character unit.

Applicants should verify the successful upload of their answer files by launching Exemplify to see that they have uploaded all answer files. Read more about uploading your answer files at the [ExamSoft Webpage](#).

Do not delete or uninstall Exemplify or any Exemplify Program Directory Files or Folders until results for the exam have been released. If you rented a laptop to use during the exam, you should not return it to the rental company until the results have been released.

Applicants who fail to upload their answer files by the deadline will receive a deduction of 10 scaled points from their written scaled score. Applicants who fail to upload their answer files within two weeks of the published deadline will be given a grade of zero for each answer that is not uploaded. No waivers or exceptions will be granted for missed deadlines.

ExamSoft will send emails indicating if your answer files have not been uploaded. However, it is your responsibility to ensure that your files are uploaded by the deadline. If there is a problem with the uploading of your answers, you may be required to contact ExamSoft for assistance in retrieving the file remotely so that efforts can be made to retrieve the encrypted backup copy of the exam answer(s) from your laptop's hard drive.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS CHANGE

Applicants whose physical or email address changes after submitting their bar exam applications should update their admissions file with the new address through the [Applicant Portal](#).

CONTACT

Applicants with questions about their status or other admission requirements may submit an inquiry through the [Applicant Portal](#) or call the State Bar's Contact Center at 800-843-9053 (for applicants located in California) or 415-538-2000 (for out-of-state applicants). You must have the caller ID option enabled on your phone to use this service. Please, check your phone's settings or call your phone carrier to enable it.

RESULTS

Results from the February 2026 California Bar Examination will be available to applicants through the Applicant Portal no later than **May 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)**. Communication regarding exam results will be emailed to an applicant's email address on file.

A public [pass list](#) will be posted on the State Bar website on the Monday following the release of results.