



The State Bar of California

Dear Applicants,

We're now less than three weeks away from the July 2026 California Bar Exam. That means we've reached the halfway point in our weekly Bar Exam Countdown Email series.

Last week, we shared exam rules and policies found in the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#). If you missed that email, find it and all previous July 2026 countdown emails on the [Bar Exam Emails webpage](#).

This week, we're exploring the process of registering your laptop with ExamSoft and completing the mandatory mock exam.

EXAMSOFT REGISTRATION AND MANDATORY MOCK EXAM

If you are approved to use a laptop for the written session of the July 2026 bar exam, you must complete the laptop registration process and the mandatory mock exam by **July 24**. You'll find important details below, and there's more information on the State Bar's [Laptops for the California Bar Examination webpage](#).

Registering your laptop

On June 30, ExamSoft began emailing applicants approved to take the bar exam with instructions on how to download and install Examplify and how to register a laptop for use on exam day. The email includes instructions for:

- Downloading and installing the latest version of Examplify
- Registering your laptop as a first-time or returning user
- Downloading the exam files for both the mock exam and the bar exam
- Completing the mock exam and uploading the mock exam answer file

This process must be completed each time you take the bar exam. If you previously used SofTest or Examplify, you must completely uninstall any prior version.

To ensure you receive critical emails from ExamSoft and the State Bar, please see the [Safelisting Tips webpage](#).

Completing the mock exam

All applicants using a laptop for the written session must complete the mandatory mock exam and upload the mock exam answer file by **July 24**. Failure to complete the mock exam and upload the answer file will result in being required to handwrite your responses on exam day.

The mock exam is not a practice bar exam. It is designed to verify that your laptop works with Examplify; familiarize you with opening, using, and uploading answer files; and, by typing a paragraph in each window, familiarize you with the formatting functionality (e.g., copy and paste, font size, bullet points).

The password to access the mock exam will be found in an email sent to you from ExamSoft. After completing the mock exam and uploading your mock exam answer

file, you will receive an email confirmation. This completes the mock exam process and registers your laptop to use on exam day. If you do not receive the email confirmation, your laptop is not registered, and you cannot use it on exam day. You can verify the time and date of your completed mock exam by launching Examplify and selecting “My Exams” on the left.

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 mock exam file again, and enter the same password used before to begin.

Technical support

Review [ExamSoft's Bar Applicant FAQs](#) or visit the [ExamSoft Support Page](#) for more information on the use of the software or how to resolve technical issues during the installation or mock exam process. Most issues can be resolved using ExamSoft's support guides and troubleshooting tips.

If you continue to have technical problems, call ExamSoft Client Support at 1-888-816-3065. Technical support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

APPLICANTS WITH PENDING REQUESTS

Some bar exam applications are still pending eligibility determinations, and some testing accommodations requests are still pending. Therefore, some applicants have not received their Admittance Ticket and ExamSoft email yet because one or more items are still pending. Once these items are resolved, you will be approved to sit for the exam, your Admittance Ticket will be issued, and you will receive the ExamSoft email.

- **Pending eligibility:** A small number of applications remain pending because eligibility has not yet been confirmed. If you are in this group, the State Bar has contacted you or your law school by both email and telephone. If the requested action is not taken by July 14, your application will be automatically abandoned, and you will receive a notification confirming this status.
- **Testing accommodations requests:** If you have a pending request for testing accommodations, your Admittance Ticket will be available once the review is complete.
- **Haven't received your Admittance Ticket?** If you are not yet approved to sit for the exam, it may mean you did not complete the demographic information when registering with the State Bar. Your demographic information is considered complete even if you selected “Decline to Answer” for any question. For instructions on completing your demographic information, visit the [State Bar's Help Center](#).
- **Haven't received your ExamSoft email?** If you are already approved to sit for the exam but haven't received your Admittance Ticket or ExamSoft registration email, please check your email inbox and spam/junk folder. If you still haven't found these messages, reach out immediately to the State Bar through the [Applicant Portal](#) for support.

Please note that your Admittance Ticket only reflects whether you are taking the two-day General Bar Exam or the one-day Attorneys' Exam. It does not reflect any granted testing accommodations.

UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

- **July 14 – Withdraw:** Applicants wanting to withdraw from the exam must withdraw by this date. Please note that refunds of bar exam fees were only available for the first 30 or 45 days after the timely filing deadline. Refunds are

no longer available for withdrawals except in the limited circumstances described in the [Refund of Fees Policy](#).

- **July 14 – Proof of eligibility:** This is the final deadline for law schools to submit proof of applicant eligibility, for applicants required to submit transcripts or provide proof of law study, and for attorney applicants to submit Certificates of Good Standing from all jurisdictions where they are licensed.
- **July 17 – Emergency testing accommodations:** This is the final deadline for those who become disabled after the final exam application filing deadline to submit an emergency testing accommodations request through the [Applicant Portal](#). This does not apply to disabilities that existed before the final exam application filing deadline.
- **July 24 – Laptop registration and mandatory mock exam:** This is the final deadline to complete the mandatory mock exam and register your laptop to use on exam day. Failure to complete this step by July 24 means you will handwrite your responses on exam day.

NEXT WEEK'S EMAIL

In next week's email, we'll share more information about each test center, including logistics and nearby accommodations.

Thank you,

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