



The State Bar of California

Dear Applicants,

With less than two weeks to go until the July 2026 California Bar Exam, we've reached the fifth Bar Exam Countdown Email.

Last week, we shared important details about registering your laptop and completing the mandatory mock exam by the July 24 deadline. If you missed that email, you can find all previous emails on the [Bar Exam Emails webpage](#).

This week, we're focusing on test center information so you know what to expect at your test center on exam day.

TEST CENTER INFORMATION

Below are key details for each test center, including the address, parking information, and lunch options. If assigned to a testing accommodations test center, please review the supplemental test center information in the bulletin sent with your Testing Accommodations Notice. Unless otherwise noted below, please expect to pay for parking each time you exit and reenter the lot. You may also wish to consider taking public transportation. Please note that the information below is based on the current information available to the State Bar.

Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center

- Address: 2800 Olympic Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91915
- Parking: This site has designated free parking. If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find parking; the parking lots are about an 8-minute walk from the test center entrance to the exam.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are less than a 10-minute drive away but are not within walking distance. Applicants are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Expect limited seating during lunch breaks, including indoors at the Visitor Center or outdoors at a nearby stadium with shade. Portable restrooms will be available outside during the lunch break.
- Additional details: A site map is [available online](#).

DoubleTree San Diego, Mission Valley

- Address: 7450 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92108
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. Applicants must have their parking ticket validated to receive a discounted parking rate. Validation tickets will be distributed by State Bar staff at the staff table as applicants exit the test site. Applicants who need a validation ticket must stop by the staff table before leaving.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk. Limited seating may be available in the hotel lobby.

Hilton Sacramento Arden West

- Address: 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815

- **Parking:** This site has designated free parking during the day. Overnight guests are required to pay for parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive but are not within walking distance. Applicants are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Limited seating may be available in the hotel lobby.

Hotel Fera Anaheim, Orange

- **Address:** 100 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868
- **Parking:** This site has designated paid parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk. Limited seating may be available in the hotel lobby.

Oakland Convention Center

- **Address:** 550 10th Street, Oakland, CA 94607
- **Parking:** This site has designated paid parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk. Seating may be limited in the convention center and the connected hotel.

Ontario Convention Center

- **Address:** 2000 East Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764
- **Parking:** This site has designated paid parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk. There will be no seating or restrooms available in the convention center during the lunch break.
- **Additional details:** Those with testing accommodations will be on the second floor. All other test takers will be on the first floor. A site map is [available online](#).

Pasadena Convention Center

- **Address:** 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101
- **Parking:** This site has designated paid parking. If you leave the parking area and come back later, you will need to pay again to reenter. Please respect all posted signs and traffic patterns, including one-way streets, when arriving in the area.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk. There will be no seating or restrooms available in the convention center during the lunch break.
- **Additional details:** Those with testing accommodations will be in the Conference Center, a separate building from the Ballroom and Exhibit Halls A and B, where laptop writers will test. View a [site map](#).

State Bar Los Angeles Office

- **Address:** 845 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
- **Parking:** There are several public parking lots and garages in the vicinity. If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find and pay for parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- **Additional details:** Applicants are encouraged to arrive early to allow time to go through security and metal detectors. State Bar security on the ground floor will direct applicants to the testing space. There will be no seating or restrooms available in the building during the lunch break.

@the Grounds

- Address: 700 Event Center Drive, Roseville, CA 95678
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking with in-and-out privileges.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are about a 10-minute drive away but are not within walking distance. The venue has arranged for a limited number of food trucks to be available on-site. Applicants may also bring their own lunch. During lunch breaks, expect limited seating indoors at Johnson and Jones Hall. Outdoor seating is available in the shaded Attaway Pavilion; however, please note that the Attaway Pavilion does not have tables or chairs.
- Additional details: A [site map](#) is available online.

USC Galen Center

- Address: 3400 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90089
- Parking: USC uses digital parking passes that should be purchased ahead of time. The parking pass is available for Monday, Tuesday, and/or Wednesday, July 27–29. Applicants can select the days they need, depending on their testing days and whether they would like to visit the test center on Monday. Parking for all applicants will be in the Figueroa Structure only; parking in alternative structures may result in citations.
 - To purchase a parking pass ahead of time
 1. Review the [parking map](#) and locate the Figueroa Structure.
 2. Use this unique parking pass link for the bar exam: <https://www.offstreet.io/location/MCTR2DJ7>
 3. Use this code when instructed: **BAR2829**
 - If you have questions or difficulty, please contact the USC Parking & Transportation office from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. by phone at 213-740-3993 or by email at parkrsvp@usc.edu.
- Lunch: Applicants are strongly encouraged to bring their own lunch and remain in the lobby area during the break. Tables and seating are not available. However, staying in the lobby will allow you to avoid going through security upon return from lunch. Applicants who choose to leave the lobby during their lunch break will be required to complete the security screening again, which may cause delays. Those who leave are strongly encouraged to take only essential personal items, as all items will need to be screened or checked by security upon reentry, and to return early to ensure they have enough time to go through security.
- Additional details: The security screening includes metal detectors. All items brought on-site will be inspected; applicants should allow extra time for entry and are encouraged to bring only minimal exam-related items, as all items will be checked by security. Luggage is not permitted in the building.

Westin Los Angeles Airport

- Address: 5400 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90045
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. Applicants must have their parking ticket validated to receive a discounted parking rate. Validation tickets will be distributed to applicants by staff before they exit the test center. There are also several nearby parking lots available.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk. Limited seating may be available in the hotel lobby.

Westin St. Francis San Francisco

- Address: 335 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

- **Parking:** Consider taking public transportation, as nearby public parking lots may fill quickly. If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find and pay for parking.
- Applicants can use the valet entrance to drop off approved accommodation item(s) in their assigned testing room without needing to park.
 - Drop off items Monday, July 27, at 2:00–4:00 p.m., or Tuesday, July 28, before the exam
 - The valet entrance is located at 350 Geary Street.
 - Inform the valet attendant that you are dropping off accommodation item(s) for the California Bar Exam and do not need your vehicle parked. Upon entering the hotel, turn left past the concierge and elevators to the Tower Salon, where the staff table will be located.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk. Limited seating may be available in the hotel lobby.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Test centers are large venues or hotels that may host other events at the same time, and certain conditions that are beyond the State Bar's control may arise. On exam day, State Bar staff generally cannot move applicants, and there are limited options to address individual environmental concerns. We strongly encourage applicants to plan ahead:

- Dress in layers to stay comfortable in cool and warm temperatures. Exam rooms often fluctuate in temperature throughout the day.
- Use foam earplugs to address noise, which may include sounds from others taking the exam, proctors performing their duties, and other events in the same facility.

Test centers have assigned seating, and applicants may not change their seats or move on their own. Each applicant's Admittance Ticket includes their applicant number, which corresponds to their seat number at the test center.

Test center change requests are no longer being accepted. All applicants whose requests have been approved have received confirmation of their new test center.

Applicants must report to the assigned test center indicated on their Admittance Ticket. We will not accommodate applicants who arrive at a location other than the one listed on their Admittance Ticket.

VISITING TEST CENTERS BEFORE THE EXAM

All applicants are welcome to visit their test center on Monday, July 27, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to become familiar with the test center ahead of time. However, you will not be able to enter the exam room. Staff will be on-site to address logistical questions.

- **Applicants granted testing accommodations:** Applicants with testing accommodations will be able to access their exam rooms. We strongly encourage you to visit the test center on Monday, July 27, to receive your room assignment; have any personal equipment inspected, if necessary; and confirm all accommodations granted have been provided, within any limitations that may be imposed as a result of test center logistics or availability. We ask that those with last names beginning A–M arrive between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., and those with last names beginning N–Z arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

REMINDERS

Print your Admittance Ticket

Applicants must print and bring their Admittance Ticket to each exam session and on Monday, July 27, if visiting the test center before the exam. The ticket is required to access the test center. The ticket includes 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., a misspelled name or an incorrect test center), applicants must notify the State Bar immediately through the Applicant Portal so that a corrected ticket can be issued. Applicants' first and last names on the Admittance Ticket must match their ID; middle names are not required on the Admittance Ticket.

Find instructions for printing your Admittance Ticket at the State Bar's [Help Center webpage](#).

EXAM SCHEDULE

Day 1 – Written Sessions: You'll complete five one-hour essay questions and one 90-minute Performance Test (PT). You'll receive printed exam materials and scratch paper. Bring your own laptop for the written sessions—responses will be typed in ExamSoft's Exemplify software unless you are approved to handwrite your responses. Internet is not required during the exam, but you **must** download Exemplify and complete the mandatory mock exam by **July 24** to register your laptop to use on exam day.

- Morning session: 3 hours (Essays 1–3)
- Afternoon session: 3.5 hours (Essays 4–5 and PT)

Day 2 – Multistate Bar Examination Sessions: The second day features the [Multistate Bar Examination \(MBE\)](#)—200 multiple-choice questions developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. You'll receive a printed question booklet and mark answers on a Scantron sheet. Bring soft lead [No. 2 pencils](#) (mechanical pencils are not allowed). Do not bring your laptop to the MBE sessions (you will not be permitted to bring it into the exam room).

- Morning session: 3 hours (first 100 questions)
- Afternoon session: 3 hours (remaining 100 questions)

UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

- **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 recap the most important details shared in the first five weekly emails.

Thank you,

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