



The State Bar of California

Dear Applicants,

The July 2026 California Bar Exam begins Tuesday, July 28. With less than a week to go, this is our final Bar Exam Countdown Email.

Please take a moment to review previous emails on the [Bar Exam Emails webpage](#).

This email includes a few important announcements to help you prepare for exam day, and important post-exam information.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laptop Registration and Mandatory Mock Exam Deadline

If you plan to use a laptop for the written session, you must complete the ExamSoft registration and mandatory mock exam by Friday, July 24. Failure to do so means you will handwrite your responses on exam day.

Test Center, Withdrawal, and Medical Refund Requests

The deadline to request a test center change has passed. Do not submit a request at this time, as late requests will be denied. You must report to the test center listed on your Admittance Ticket.

The deadline to withdraw from the exam has also passed. Late withdrawal requests will not be processed.

Medical refund requests due to death, serious illness, disabling injury, a catastrophic event, or a state of emergency will be reviewed and processed after the exam. More information about medical refund requests is available in the [Refund of Fees Policy](#).

Contacting the State Bar During the Exam

From July 27 to 30, most staff will be on-site at test centers. Response times through the Applicant Portal or Contact Center may be delayed.

For common questions, review the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#) and the [July 2026 California Bar Exam webpage](#). For on-site questions, visit the staff table at your test center; the table will have a blue tablecloth featuring the State Bar's seal. For ExamSoft issues, contact examsoft-support@turnitin.com or call 888-816-3065.

BEFORE EXAM CHECKLIST

- Read the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#) for exam rules and permitted items.
- Laptop users:
 - Review the [Laptops for the California Bar Examination webpage](#).
 - Follow ExamSoft's instructions for [Preparing for Exam Day](#) and [Best Practices for Exam-Takers](#).
 - Need help? Contact ExamSoft at examsoft-support@turnitin.com or call 888-816-3065.
- Visit your test center on Monday, July 27.

- 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 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.

EXAM DAY CHECKLIST

- You must be seated by 8:20 a.m. each day. Arrive at least 30 minutes early to find parking, check in, find your seat, and get settled.
 - Applicants with certain testing accommodations will have a modified schedule and will be given a “report time” and “start time” in their Testing Accommodations Notice. Please refer to your notice for that information.
- You must bring:
 - A printed Admittance Ticket (with no extra writing on it). You can find your Admittance Ticket in the [Applicant Portal](#).
 - A valid government-issued photo ID (driver’s license, state ID Card, or passport) in physical form; digital identification cards are not permitted.
 - A fully charged laptop and a power cord for the written session. View other permitted computer accessories in the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#).
 - Blue or black pens for State Bar forms and other permitted writing implements to take notes during the written sessions.
 - [No. 2 pencils \(non-mechanical\) for the MBE sessions](#). Mechanical pencils are not allowed.
- You must exit Exemplify before leaving the test center. Failure to do so may result in a Chapter 6 Notice and possible [sanctions](#).
 - Once you have completed the exam session:
 - Click “Finish” or
 - Select “Exam Controls,” then “Submit Exam.”
 - On the blue screen, select the checkbox, then click “Submit Exam.”
 - Once you submit the exam, the exam file cannot be reopened.
 - If you are connected to the Internet, your answer file will be uploaded. If you are not connected to the Internet, Exemplify will notify you that the exam is complete and that you must upload it by the deadline.
- Other tips:
 - Bring one water bottle (clear, unlabeled water bottle or cup with lid no larger than 40 oz.). Water will not be available in the exam room.
 - Bring small, permitted items (e.g., medication, foam earplugs, pens, etc.) in a clear plastic bag no larger than one gallon. Larger permitted items do not need to fit in the clear plastic bag.
 - Bring foam earplugs and dress in layers.
 - Bring snacks and beverages for your lunch break. At some test centers, there are no fast-food options within walking distance. Please refer to [last week’s email](#) for more information on food options near your test site.
 - Glasses are subject to inspection at the test center. Do not bring smart glasses or sunglasses with you into the exam room.

AFTER THE EXAM

Upload Answer Files

Applicants using a laptop for the written session must upload the answer files no later than Thursday, July 30, at noon (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 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.

Applicants must not edit or modify their answer files between the time the exam ends and when they upload their answer files. Doing so may result in the applicant being issued a Chapter 6 Notice and possible [sanctions](#). The State Bar reviews keystroke reports that identify if answers have been modified after the exam ends.

Read more about uploading your answer files on the [ExamSoft webpage](#).

Troubleshooting After the Exam

Examplify imposes certain security settings. If Examplify could not automatically restore the original settings on your Windows device, you might notice issues such as missing buttons, missing splash screens, or replaced wallpaper. After the exam, if Examplify could not automatically restore the original settings on your Windows device, you can run [ExamSoft's EsWinsr program](#) to restore the settings to their initial state.

Bar Exam Results

Results from the July 2026 bar exam are scheduled to be released through the [Applicant Portal](#) on November 6, 2026. The pass list will be posted on the [Examination Pass List webpage](#) the next business day.

New Licensee Registration and Attorney's Oath

Successful applicants who have met all other requirements for admission will receive step-by-step instructions for completing the New Licensee Registration with the State Bar and taking the attorney's oath. You cannot start practicing law without following these steps. Please expect to see this information in your inbox the week after results are released.

We wish you the best of luck. You've been studying. You're prepared. You've got this!

Sincerely,
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