



The State Bar of California

Dear Applicant,

Earlier today, the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE) met to consider further scoring remedies for February 2025 Bar Exam test takers who experienced technical and other issues during the exam; some of the remedies contemplated were suggested by the Board of Trustees. The CBE had an extensive discussion of a number of options designed to remedy the impacts of the February 2025 bar exam. A summary of the measures that CBE adopted follows:

First, the CBE adopted a change to how scores are calculated for those applicants who score at least 1350 but less than 1390 and go to "second read" on the written section of the exam. Instead of averaging first and second read scores for each question, for the February 2025 exam, the higher of the first or second read score given for each question will be used to calculate the written score. This action does not require Supreme Court approval. We estimate this change will result in over 200 exam takers switching from fail to pass status. Applicants will be notified next week of the outcome of application of this new scoring methodology and those who transition to pass status will automatically be withdrawn from the July 2025 bar exam if they have applied.

Second, the CBE recommended that performance test scores be psychometrically imputed for all unsuccessful February 2025 test takers using the same methodology that was previously used for imputing scores (see page 44 of the [April 28 petition](#) to the Supreme Court for more on the imputation methodology). In recommending the imputation, to align with their first action, the CBE specifically recommended that the calculation be based on the higher of the first and second read scores for each essay for all applicable test takers. To the extent the imputed score is higher than the given score, the imputed score will be used to determine the test taker's total scaled score. The CBE further recommended that if the imputation results in a total scaled score that is more than 1350 but not passing, the test taker shall not be entitled to a second read. This recommendation requires approval by the Supreme Court. A petition outlining this request will be submitted to the Court as soon as possible.

Please see the [resolutions adopted by the CBE here](#).

Reminder: The deadline to [apply](#) for the July Bar Exam is June 2; this deadline cannot be waived.

We thank you for your resilience and patience.

Best,

Office of Admissions

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