



The State Bar of California

Dear Applicant,

The July 2025 California Bar Exam begins this Tuesday, July 29! With less than a week to go, this is our final Bar Exam Countdown email. We encourage you to take a few moments to review all previous messages on the [Bar Exam Emails](#) webpage.

This final email includes a few remaining deadlines, an exam checklist to help you prepare, and more about what to expect after the exam.

IMPORTANT: FINAL KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

- **Friday, July 25, at 11:59 p.m. PT – Deadline to complete ExamSoft registration and mandatory mock exam:** If you are using a laptop for the written portion of the exam, this is the final deadline to complete ExamSoft registration and submit the mandatory mock exam. *If you don't complete the registration or the mock exam, you will not be allowed to use your laptop and must handwrite your responses.*
- **Monday, July 28, at 11:59 p.m. PT – Deadline for February 2025 applicants to withdraw:** If you withdrew from or did not achieve a passing score on the February 2025 exam, this is the last day to withdraw from the July 2025 exam and keep your fee waiver for an exam in 2026.

BAR EXAM CHECKLIST

BEFORE EXAM CHECKLIST

- Read the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#) carefully for exam rules and policies.
- Laptop users:
 - Please confirm that you are using Examplify version 3.8.5. You can find the version number in the bottom-right corner after launching the software. Next to the version number, you'll also see an expiration date. If that date is before the July 2025 bar exam, it means you are using an account that is *not registered* for the July 2025 bar exam (either you have not yet registered for the exam, or you are using another account that was previously used at school or for a previous exam). Follow these [instructions](#) to make sure you are using the correct account and that you are registered for the exam by July 25 at 11:59 p.m. PT; failure to do so will mean you will

not be allowed to use your laptop and must handwrite your response.

- Ensure your exam files are downloaded. View the left-hand side of the Exemplify homepage, where you will find two files under “downloaded”: “CALBAR_7-2025_Q1-3” and “CALBAR_7-2025_Q4-5-PT”.
- Review ExamSoft’s [Preparing For Exam Day](#) webpage and the [Exam Day Information](#) section of the State Bar’s webpage for more information.
- Need help? Contact ExamSoft at examsoft-support@turnitin.com or call **888-816-3065**.
- Visit your test center (optional):
 - If you’d like to get a feel for your test center ahead of time, you’re welcome to visit on Monday, July 28, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. While you won’t be able to enter the exam rooms, staff will be on-site to help answer logistical questions.
 - Applicants granted testing accommodations are encouraged to check in with staff on Monday, July 28, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., to receive their room assignment, have any personal equipment inspected if necessary, and confirm the accommodations have been granted by the State Bar. We ask that those with last names beginning A–M arrive between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., and those with N–Z arrive between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Due to other exam day preparations, we cannot offer this opportunity before or after the 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. window.
 - If your accommodation includes special equipment (e.g., chair or printer), we strongly recommend you bring it to the test site on Monday, July 28, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., and leave it in your assigned testing room overnight. Doing so will support a smooth and timely check-in on Tuesday morning. Please note that if you leave items at the test center, you do so at your own risk. The State Bar is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

EXAM DAY CHECKLIST

- Applicants must be seated by 8:20 a.m. each morning. We recommend that you arrive at least 30 minutes early to check in, find your seat, get your laptop ready, and get set for the exam.
- You must bring a valid government-issued photo identification (e.g., driver’s license, California Identification Card, or passport) to each session of the exam.

- You must bring your printed Admittance Ticket (with no other writing on it) to each session of the exam. You can find your Admittance Ticket in the [Applicant Portal](#).
- You must bring a fully charged laptop if you are using a laptop for the written sessions. You should also bring a power cord. View other permitted computer accessories in the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#).
- You must bring a blue or black pen to fill out your information on State Bar forms. You should also bring approved writing implements to take notes during the written sessions.
- You must bring #2 pencils with you (mechanical pencils are prohibited) to fill out the Scantron sheet for the MBE sessions. Review the Admittance Ticket Bulletin carefully as there are differences in the permitted and prohibited items for the written and MBE sessions.
- You may bring one water bottle or cup with a lid that is clear and unlabeled. Water bottles or cups must be no larger than 40 ounces, and no other types of drinks or powder drink mixes are permitted.
- You may bring additional snacks and beverages for your lunch break. Those must be kept outside of the testing area and may not be accessed during an exam session.
- You should dress in layers to be prepared for either warm or cool temperatures, as everybody's comfort zone differs, and the temperature of the test center may fluctuate.
- You should bring foam earplugs to be prepared to accommodate noise.
- Small permitted personal items may only be brought into the exam area in a small, clear plastic bag. Larger items, such as pillows, are not required to fit into the clear plastic bag. If an item is not permitted in the exam area, it must be left at the applicant's own risk outside of the exam area.

For a complete list of permitted and prohibited items, refer to the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#).

CONTACTING THE STATE BAR DURING THE EXAM

Between July 28 and August 1, most Office of Admissions staff will be onsite at test centers, and availability to respond to inquiries will be limited. If you need to reach us, please submit your question through the [Applicant Portal](#) or contact the State Bar's [Contact Center](#). However, response times may be longer than usual during this period.

For answers to many common questions, we encourage you to visit the [July 2025 California Bar Exam](#), [Laptops for the July 2025 Bar Exam](#), and [ExamSoft's Bar Exam](#) webpages, as well as the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#), where you'll find

detailed information. We kindly ask that applicants avoid contacting us about topics already addressed by these resources.

Should you encounter any issues on-site, our staff will be available at the designated Staff Table to assist with exam-related questions. They will document any concerns, and no further follow-up through the Applicant Portal or Contact Center is necessary.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER THE EXAM

UPLOAD EXAM FILES

Applicants using a laptop for the written session are responsible for uploading their exam answer files by Thursday, July 31, at 12:00 p.m. noon (Pacific Daylight Time). Applicants granted extended time must upload their exam answer files by noon the day after their exam concludes. For example, those testing for three days must upload their files by noon on Friday, August 1, and those testing for four days must upload their files by noon on Saturday, August 2.

After leaving the exam room, when your internet is reconnected, Exemplify may automatically upload your exam. However, you are responsible for ensuring a timely upload. You can verify uploads and get detailed instructions by reviewing ExamSoft's [Uploading Your Bar Exam File](#) webpage.

Applicants who fail to upload their answer files by the deadline will have a deduction of 10 scaled points from their 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 received.

BAR EXAM RESULTS

Results from the July 2025 bar exam are scheduled to be released through the [Applicant Portal](#) to applicants on November 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. PT. The pass list is scheduled to be posted on the [Examination Pass List](#) webpage on Sunday, November 9, 2025. More information is available on the [Exam Results](#) webpage. You can also visit the State Bar's website to learn more about the exam [grading](#) and [scaling](#) processes.

STATE BAR REGISTRATION AND ATTORNEY'S OATH

Successful applicants who have met all other requirements for admission (e.g., have an active positive moral character determination and have an MPRE score of 86 or higher reported to the State Bar) must complete the New Licensee Registration with the State Bar and complete the attorney's oath to become admitted to practice law in California. After the release of bar exam results,

successful applicants who have satisfied all admissions requirements will receive step-by-step instructions. You can become familiar with the process by visiting the [Attorney's Oath](#) and the [Virtual Oath Packet](#) webpages. Please note that some details or instructions may change, so be sure to review the instructions provided to you following the release of results.

A final message: **You've got this!** We are excited to see you at your test center next week.

Sincerely,

Office of Admissions
The State Bar of California

The email address noreply@calbar.ca.gov is used solely for sending communications and is not monitored. If you need assistance or wish to get in touch, please contact us using the [Applicant Portal](#).



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