



The State Bar of California

Dear Applicant,

We're now less than three weeks away from the July 2025 California Bar Exam! That means we've reached the halfway point in our weekly Countdown Email series.

If you missed earlier emails — covering the exam format and schedule, what to expect during the written and MBE sessions, how to use a laptop for the written portions, and key exam-day rules from the Admittance Ticket Bulletin — you can find them all on the [Bar Exam Emails webpage](#).

This week, we're focusing on what you need to know about the ExamSoft registration and mandatory mock exam process and tips to help you get familiar with your assigned testing site.

EXAMSOFT REGISTRATION AND MANDATORY MOCK EXAM

If you are using a laptop for the written portions of the July 2025 California Bar Exam, there are a few critical steps you must complete **no later than July 25, 11:59 p.m. PT**. These steps include downloading ExamSoft's Examplify software, registering your laptop, and completing at least one mandatory mock exam to ensure your device is ready for test day.

Starting July 7, ExamSoft began sending emails to applicants who have been approved to sit for the exam. These emails include your unique ID and password, which you'll need to log in, download the software, and register. You must use the exact ID and password provided in that email—each is assigned specifically to you for this exam.

1. Confirm Your Device Meets System Requirements

- Verify that your device meets the [minimum system requirements](#).
- Make sure you have administrator-level permissions on your device to install Examplify. Individuals using work or school laptops may not be able to install the software on their device.

2. Log In

- Visit the ExamSoft [California Bar Exam webpage](#).

- Log in under “Exam Takers” using the unique ID and password provided at the bottom of your email.

3. Download and Install Exemplify

- Even if you’ve used Exemplify before, you must download version 3.8.5.
- Review the disclaimer, click “I Accept”, then click “Download” on the left side.
- Complete the installation after the download finishes.

4. Launch Exemplify and Register

- New users: Launch Exemplify and register using the institution ID and credentials provided at the bottom of your email.
- Returning users: Launch Exemplify, go to “Home Menu” > “Switch Account” > “Add New Account”, and enter the institution ID and credentials provided at the bottom of your email.
- Exam files (including the mock exam file and two bar exam files) will download automatically. If not, click “Refresh Exam List” and “Download”. View the list of required [exam files](#).
 - Note: Previous instructions said that only the mock exam file would be available for download at this point in the process. However, all necessary files will download.

5. Complete the Mandatory Mock Exam

- You must complete and upload a mock exam by the July 25 registration deadline to ensure your laptop is functioning properly.
- The password to open the mock exam is included in your email.
- You are required to complete the mock exam at least once. However, you may take it up to five times to become familiar with the platform. To retake it, click “Refresh Exam List”, download the exam again, and enter the password to begin.

After uploading your mock exam file you’ll receive a confirmation email from ExamSoft. This confirmation is your proof that you’ve completed the necessary steps. If you don’t receive the confirmation email, your registration isn’t complete, and you won’t be permitted to use a laptop during the exam. In that case, you would be required to handwrite your responses.

Finally, if you’ve completed registration and the mock exam but later run into technical issues with your laptop, you can request a re-download of your exam files. Instructions for how to do this are available on [ExamSoft’s website](#).

If you need help at any point, ExamSoft offers several resources:

- Start with the basics on the [bar exam applicant page](#).
- Explore detailed guides in the [Test Taker Help Center](#).

- For direct support, contact ExamSoft at examsoft-support@turnitin.com or call 888-816-3065.

Some applicants may not have received the ExamSoft email yet because one or more required items are still pending. These may include your eligibility status, a decision on a testing accommodations request, or an incomplete demographic section in the Applicant Portal (note: you must complete this section, though you may select “Decline to Answer” for any question). 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 with download and registration instructions.

Find more information on the State Bar’s [Laptops for the July 2025 Bar Exam webpage](#).

INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEST CENTERS

Read below for more information about the test centers to prepare for exam day.

Anaheim Convention Center

- Address: [800 W Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802](#)
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. If you leave the parking area and come back later, you will need to pay again to re-enter.
- Lunch: Fast food options are about a 5-minute drive or a 15-minute walk from the convention center.

Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center

- Address: [2800 Olympic Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91915](#)
- Parking: This site has designated free parking. (**Note:** *this is a correction, a previous version of this email incorrectly stated that payment was required for parking*). If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find parking; the parking lots are about an 8-minute walk from the exam entrance. If you leave the parking area and come back later, you will need to pay again to re-enter.
- 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, indoors at the Visitor Center, or outdoors at a nearby stadium with shade.
- Additional details: A [site map](#) is available online.

Golden Gate University

- Address: [536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105](#)
- 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.

- Lunch: Fast food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- Additional details: Applicants approved to bring additional items as part of a testing accommodation—such as a chair, printer, or lamp—must check in these items on Monday, July 28, and leave them in the exam room overnight. For more details, see the “Visiting the Test Site Before the Exam” section below.

Hilton Sacramento Arden West

- Address: [2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815](#)
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. Hotel guests may leave and re-enter the parking area without paying again. All others must pay each time they enter.
- Lunch: Fast food options are within a 10-minute drive but are not within walking distance. Applicants are encouraged to bring their own lunch.

Hotel Fera Anaheim, Orange

- Address: [100 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868](#)
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. Hotel guests may leave and re-enter the parking area without paying again. All others must pay each time they enter.
- Lunch: Fast food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- Additional details: As in the past, we are aware that another event will be taking place at the hotel during the bar exam. This same event has not caused disturbances in the past, and we will continue to take all reasonable steps to maintain a quiet testing environment. Nonetheless, we strongly recommend that applicants bring foam earplugs to minimize potential distractions.

Oakland Convention Center

- Address: [550 10th Street, Oakland, CA 94607](#)
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. If you leave the parking area and come back later, you will need to pay again to re-enter.
- Lunch: Fast food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- Additional details: Those with testing accommodations will be on the second floor. All other test takers will be on the first floor.

Ontario Convention Center

- Address: [2000 E Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764](#)
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. If you leave the parking area and come back later, you will need to pay again to re-enter.
- Lunch: Fast food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- 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 E 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 re-enter. Please, respect all posted signs and traffic patterns in the area, including one-way streets, when arriving in the area.
- Lunch: Fast food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- 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](#).

Sheraton Mission Valley San Diego Hotel

- Address: [1433 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108](#)
- Parking: This site has designated free parking. Hotel guests may leave and re-enter the parking area without paying again. All others must pay each time they enter.
- Lunch: Fast food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.

State Bar of California—Los Angeles

- Address: [845 S 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: Please allow extra time to go through security. Due to building security protocols, all individuals will be required to show a valid government-issued photo ID (driver's license, California Identification Card, or passport) before being permitted entry to testing floors. Testing may take place in a conference room, office, or cubicle.

@the Grounds

- Address: [700 Event Center Drive, Roseville, CA 95678](#)
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. If you leave the parking area and come back later, you will need to pay again to re-enter.
- Lunch: Fast food options are about a 6-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 Hall or outdoors with shade at Attaway Pavilion.
- Additional details: A [site map](#) is available online.

Don't forget, test centers are large venues that may host other events at the same time, and certain conditions or disruptions may arise that are beyond the State Bar's control. While we take steps to minimize the impact of external events on the testing

environment, we encourage applicants to plan ahead and take steps to support their own comfort and focus. Please note that on exam day, State Bar staff generally cannot move applicants or have limited options to address individual environmental concerns.

Because test center conditions may vary, we recommend dressing in layers to accommodate room temperature changes and using foam earplugs to reduce noise.

VISITING THE TEST SITE BEFORE THE EXAM

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 p.m. 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: We recommend that you check in with staff on Monday, July 28 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. To help manage the flow of visitors, 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.

If your approved accommodation includes additional items or equipment: For those testing at Golden Gate University, if you have an approved accommodation for additional items—such as a chair, printer, or lamp—we strongly suggest that you bring those items to the test center on Monday between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. and leave them in your assigned testing room overnight. This is strongly suggested at this location to help ensure the exam starts on time. Applicants testing at other locations are also encouraged to do the same to 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.

UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

- **July 15 – Deadline to submit proof of eligibility:** This is the final deadline for law schools to certify an applicant's eligibility, for applicants who are required to submit a transcript to do so, and for attorney applicants to submit a Certificate of Good Standing. Until this is complete, your application will remain in pending status.
 - **U.S. Law Students:** If we need anything directly from an applicant, we will contact them by email. Otherwise, we've already notified law

schools that they must complete and return applicants' exam certification forms by July 15. We encourage applicants to follow up with their law school to check on the status of any pending certifications.

- **Foreign Educated Students:** Applicants are responsible for submitting a sealed transcript verifying the completion of their LLM program. This transcript must be received by the State Bar's Los Angeles office by July 15. If we have not received an applicant's transcript, a reminder was sent to them by email.
- **U.S. Attorneys:** Attorneys must submit a Certificate of Good Standing from the jurisdiction where they are licensed. If they have not done so, we have emailed and called them to remind them to take action before the deadline.
- **July 15 – Deadline to withdraw from the exam:** This is the last day to withdraw from the exam, but no refund will be given. (If you were unsuccessful on or withdrew from the February 2025 exam, your withdrawal deadline has been extended to July 28, and you will retain your fee waiver.)
- **July 18 – Final deadline to request emergency testing accommodations:** Applicants with a newly acquired injury or disability have until July 18 to file an emergency petition with supporting medical documentation.
- **July 25 – Deadline to complete ExamSoft registration and mandatory mock exam:** It is recommended, however, that you complete the process as soon as possible after you receive the instructions from ExamSoft so that ExamSoft can assist you in resolving any problems you may encounter prior to the exam. For more information, visit the Laptops for the July 2025 Bar Exam webpage.
- **July 28 – Deadline to withdraw for February 2025 applicants:** If you were unsuccessful on or withdrew from 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. Withdraw requests must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. PT on July 28.

For more Key Dates and Deadlines, visit the [July 2025 California Bar Exam webpage](#).

NEXT WEEK'S EMAIL

In next week's email, we'll highlight some of the most useful tips from all of the Countdown Emails so far to help you stay focused and organized in these final weeks. We'll also share words of encouragement and practical advice from Enrique Zuniga, the State Bar's Public Trust Liaison.

Thank you,

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