



The State Bar of California

Dear Applicant ,

Day 3 of the exam has concluded. For those of you testing in person, Day 2 meant a significant delay in getting started; for most it involved delays in logging back into the exam after the lunch break. In addition to these systemic challenges, we are aware of other issues experienced by test takers, including continued challenges with proctors, connectivity lapses, time lost, and submission problems. We are still assessing results from Day 3 and will report on that following the conclusion of all testing.

As we stated after Day 1, these conditions are unacceptable, and we make no excuses for them. We are actively meeting with our psychometrician and other stakeholders to solidify the full range of remediation steps.

Initial retake opportunity March 18-19

Note that the retake originally planned for March 3-4 has been rescheduled due to a prohibited online disclosure of an essay question. (Please see more about this prohibited disclosure below.) Day 1 content will be changed as a result of this disclosure. This change requires reconfiguration of the exam driver, which takes time to execute.

In the immediate term, Meazure will be offering this retake opportunity on March 18-19 to test takers meeting the following criteria:

1. Were unable to launch the bar exam in the Meazure Learning platform at all.
2. Have fewer than four successfully submitted written responses (essays and/or the Performance Test). Why this parameter? For statistical reasons, imputation of scores can be applied to applicants with at least four written submissions. Imputation, regression analysis, and pro rata scoring adjustments have been used with the California bar exam in the past—most recently in July 2021. [You can learn more about that score imputation here.](#)

If you meet criteria 1. or 2. above, you will be affirmatively contacted to schedule your retake exam.

If you do not meet these criteria

Because of the evolving nature of what we are learning, the fact that there are a number of accommodated applicants who will continue to test through Saturday, and the need to better understand systemwide versus applicant-specific failures, we will be taking a few more days to finalize any other remediation plans. As mentioned, the State Bar has used psychometric remedies like score imputation, pro rata adjustments, and regression modeling in prior exams. We understand that any delay on our part will be a cause for even more frustration, but we do not want to rush towards a solution that may not in fact work.

Statement re: prohibited dissemination of exam questions

The State Bar is aware that certain individuals are attempting to prevent the administration of a retake of the February 2025 bar exam by posting exam questions online. [This conduct is strictly prohibited.](#) The State Bar will engage digital forensic

experts to identify individuals who have posted exam content and has already taken steps to preserve postings to support this forensic investigation. Individuals who are found to have engaged in any conduct that violates exam security or compromises exam integrity are subject to strict sanctions, including revocation of a previously granted positive moral character determination or denial of a pending moral character application. In short, individuals who are found to have engaged in this type of prohibited and unethical behavior will find it difficult if not impossible to secure licensure with the State Bar of California.

Seeking your input

In the immediate term, those of you who have completed an exam should expect to receive a survey from us. This will not be a typical post-exam survey; instead, the results will be used to inform the remediation discussions we are currently engaged in.

Lastly, some of you may notice that we are changing the registration date for the July bar exam. Please don't be alarmed; we will finalize the application launch date once July exam administration plans are confirmed in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your perseverance,

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