FEBRUARY 2025 BAR EXAM FAQS

These FAQs are a living document. They are subject to revision and will be supplemented and updated as needed. Please also refer to the [key dates and deadlines](#) leading up to exam day. **Deadlines will not be extended, and it is the applicant's responsibility to comply with all deadlines.**

Please note that the State Bar is planning to administer this exam remotely and in person. However, we currently await Supreme Court approval to be able to provide this exam in both modalities. Applicants will be asked to select their preferred method for taking this exam, between remote and in-person when submitting the bar exam application. When the Court issues an order regarding exam modalities, we will revise our exam webpages and alert applicants about their testing options.

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FORMAT OF THE EXAM

1. **What will the exam look like? What can I expect on the day(s) of the exam?**
    - The California Bar Examination (CBX) is a 2-day exam.
    - The first day of the General Bar Exam will be comprised of five essay questions and one Performance Test question.
    - The second day of the General Bar Exam includes 200 multiple-choice questions (MCQ).

2. **Is there an opportunity to see the new multiple-choice questions prior to the bar exam?**
    Applicants who meet the qualifications for Phase One of the [California Bar Exam Experiment](#) will have the opportunity to participate in a field test of the new multiple-choice questions and the new exam delivery vendor. Applicants will also get to preview questions provided in the applicant study guide.

3. **Are there breaks during the exam?**
    Whether an applicant sits for the exam remotely or in person, there will be breaks between exam sessions. The State Bar will post the exam schedules as soon as they are available.

4. **Will there be an opportunity to practice using the new exam delivery (or administration) software before the February 2025 CBX?**
   - Applicants who meet the qualifications for Phase 1 of the [Experimental Bar Exam](#) will have the opportunity to pre-test the new exam delivery vendor, as well as the multiple-choice questions. Applicants will also get to preview the questions provided in the applicant study guide that will be provided by Kaplan.
   - Applicants taking the exam remotely on the Meazure Learning platform will be required to take a mock exam to practice with the software. The mock exam will allow applicants to practice accessing the software features and ensure that their laptop is compatible with the software.
   - Applicants taking the exam in-person at a Meazure Learning test center will also be able to take a mock exam, but it is not mandatory. However, the State Bar encourages applicants to take the mock exam to familiarize themselves with the software and its features.
   - If the exam remains in the current in-person format, applicants will be taking the exam on the ExamSoft/Turnitin platform. They will be required to take a mock exam to practice with the software. The mock exam will allow applicants to practice accessing the software features and ensure that their laptop is compatible with the software.

5. **Where are the test centers for the February exam?**
   The State Bar will have testing locations in Northern and Southern California. Once a decision is reached by the Supreme Court regarding exam modalities, locations will be announced.

6. **I have testing accommodations. How do I know if I can test remotely for the February 2025 CBX?**
   Once the Supreme Court has issued its order, we will finalize contracts with the selected vendor and will be able to specify the testing accommodations that are compatible with remote proctoring. The Testing Accommodations unit will follow its regular procedures for reviewing accommodation requests and informing applicants about the outcome.

7. **What happens if I test positive for COVID-19 and cannot attend the exam in-person?**
   If you have COVID-19, or any illness, that prevents you from attending the bar exam, you may apply for the [50 percent medical refund of fees](#). Please note that medical documentation is required to be eligible for a refund.

TECHNOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **What kind of computer, accessories, and internet access do I need to take the February 25-26, 2025, remote bar exam?**
   Laptop: Desktop computers are not allowed for security reasons. Applicants must use

a laptop with a functioning internal microphone and webcamera.

Remote Exam Takers Using the Meazure Learning Platform must meet the following Minimum System Requirements (MSRs):

Minimum System Requirements	
Operating System	Windows 10 or later Mac OS 11.0 or later All recent compatible versions of ChromeOS (Extension workflow only)
Browser (extension workflow only)	Chrome Firefox
Connectivity	1 Mbps (1024 Kbps) Upload & Download (mobile hotspots and tethering are discouraged)
Webcam	640x480 resolution
Microphone	All microphones other than those built into headphones are permitted.
Speakers	Built-in or external speakers are required.
RAM	4GB
CPU	We recommend 2 cores at 2.4ghz
Monitor Resolution	1366x768
Ports	UDP/TCP 80 UDP/TCP 443

Remote Exam Takers using the ExamSoft/Turitin Platform must meet the following Minimum System Requirements (MSRs):

Examplify for Windows requirements

- Operating System: 64-bit versions of Windows 10 or Windows 11.
- Alternate versions of Windows 10 and Windows 11, such as Windows RT and Windows 10 and 11 S, are NOT supported at this time.
- *If you are using a Microsoft Surface device, **please read this article** for important instructions on Windows 10 and 11 "S mode" versus the standard Windows 10 or 11. S mode is not compatible with Examplify.*
- Only genuine versions of Windows Operating Systems are supported.
- The versions of Windows certified for use are Windows 10 22H2, Windows 11 22H2, and Windows 11 23H2.
- For a better experience, we recommend that you take your exam on the same Operating System version that you have recently completed a successful mock exam.
- The English (United States) Language Pack must be installed.
- ExamSoft does not support tablet devices other than Surface Pro as detailed above.
- CPU Processor: Non-ARM-based processor supported by your operating system.
- RAM: 4GB of usable RAM or higher
- Hard drive: 4GB or higher of available space.

- For on-site support, and in order to back up the answer files to a USB drive, a working USB port is required. (Newer devices may require an adaptor.)
- For technical troubleshooting, account passwords including BitLocker keys, may be required.
- Internet connection for download, registration, exam download, upload, and some exam features
- Using Examplify in a virtual environment is a violation of the End-User License Agreement (EULA). As such, Examplify cannot be run within virtualized environments or environments that require persistent network connections (local or otherwise) during secure exams. This includes, but is not limited to, VMWare, Parallels, Citrix workspace, virtual disks, streamed images, etc.
- Screen resolution should be at least 1280 x 768. Scaling should be set to 100%.

Examplify for macOS requirements

- Operating System: macOS Ventura, Sonoma or Sequoia
- Only genuine versions of Mac operating systems are supported.
- For a better experience, we recommend that you take your exam on the same Operating System version that you have recently completed a successful mock exam.
- CPU: Intel or M series processor. Devices using Apple's M series processors and Apple Rosetta 2 are supported.
- Rosetta is only required for M series processors on Examplify version 3.3.2 and lower
- RAM: 4GB or higher.
- Hard Drive: 4GB or higher available space.
- For on-site support, and in order to back-up the answer files to a USB drive, a working USB port is required (Newer devices may require an adapter).
- For technical troubleshooting, account passwords including device passwords may be required.
- Server version of Mac OS X is not supported.
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- Internet connection is required for download, registration, exam download and upload.

Note: For optimal computer performance, the State Bar recommends using a laptop that exceeds the minimum requirements for memory and hard drive space.

2. **Can I use an external monitor?**
   No, for exam security reasons, you will not be able to attach another monitor to your laptop. Software will be able to detect if additional ports on your laptop computer were used during the exam, and this will be identified as a conduct violation subject to sanction.

3. **Will the software vendor have access to sensitive information on my laptop?**
   The State Bar has been assured by the software vendor that its applications do not have access to, nor store, any password information on exam-takers' devices. To learn what information Meazure Learning collects and what they do with that information, see [Meazure Learning's privacypolicy.](#)

EXAM INTEGRITY

1. **Will my webcam be recording me during the entire exam?**
   Yes. While you are logged into an exam session, the remote-proctored exam will be continuously recorded (audio and video), and you will be monitored by a human proctor.

2. **What are common reasons an applicant might receive a Chapter 6 Notice for violating exam rules?**
   - Having a prohibited item in the exam room. A list of prohibited items will be available in the coming weeks.
   - Continuing to work on the exam after time is called or the exam session is complete.
   - Leaving the view of the webcam.
   - Having or using an unauthorized electronic device.
   - Exiting the exam room outside of scheduled breaks/lunch.
   - Having others (including pets) in the exam room while you are testing.
   - Suspected cheating on the exam.
   - Disrupted video or audio due to not meeting the Minimum System Requirements

   This list is not exhaustive; applicants must adhere to all exam [rules and policies](#).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE STATE BAR

1. **Are there any communications I need to look for from the State Bar?**
   - First, make sure that you have added @calbar.ca.gov to your safelist and that you familiarize yourself with all the dates and deadlines related to the February 2025 bar exam.
   - Review the admittance ticket bulletin once it is posted.
   - Starting six weeks before the exam, expect weekly Friday emails from the Office of Admissions.

- Applicants applying for testing accommodations will receive additional communications regarding those requests.