



## FEBRUARY 2025 CALIFORNIA BAR EXAM POLICIES AND PROHIBITED ITEMS BULLETIN

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### Schedule of the Exam

The February 2025 California Bar Exam will be offered remotely and in-person at Measure Learning test sites. All applicants must adhere to Pacific Standard Time (PST) for the exam, whether taking it remotely or at a test center. Exam times are listed in PST, so the actual time of the exam may vary depending on your location. Applicants testing in person will not be able to take the exam if their test site does not align with Pacific or Mountain Standard Time. Such applicants must test remotely to participate in the exam.

The General Bar Exam will be administered on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25 and 26, 2025. The Attorneys' Exam will be administered on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Each day, there will be separate sessions for each question. For example, Day One will consist of five one-hour sessions: questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and a 90-minute Performance Test (PT). Day Two will consist of four 90-minute sessions: Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQ's) 1–50, MCQ's 51–100, MCQ's 101–150, and MCQ's 151–200. All applicants should plan to arrive at their testing location, whether in-person or remote, at least 30 minutes prior to their start times. This will help ensure a seamless check-in and orientation process. Applicants granted extended time may have different schedules, which are posted on the [Testing Accommodations website](#).

All applicants will be required to schedule their exam session with Meazure Learning, the exam delivery vendor, regardless of whether they are testing in-person or remote. Meazure Learning needs to ensure they have the sufficient number of seats, proctors, and technical support for the exam. The exam scheduling window will be open from Monday, January 30, 2025, to February 14, 2025. If you are taking the exam in-person, you will enter the zip code of the location where you will be taking the exam and then select a test site. Remote testers will see different time selections within a set window, and will select a time to begin the exam launch process on exam day.

It is strongly recommended that you schedule your exam as soon as the window opens, as slots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that specific times and locations may become unavailable once capacity is reached.

All applicants must present a valid, government-issued photo identification for identity verification. The photo on the identification must clearly resemble the applicant, and the name on the identification must match the name on file. Acceptable forms of identification include a driver's license, passport, or military identification. Please note that digital or expired identification will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made, and applicants without proper identification will not be permitted to take the exam.

### **For Remote Applicants Using Their Own Computer**

Applicants who are testing remotely were required to complete a mandatory mock exam prior to the testing window to verify that their laptops met the system requirements and were compatible with the Meazure Learning exam platform. This mock exam ensured that the computer being used satisfied the necessary technical specifications and operated correctly with the exam software.

During the exam, applicants are not permitted to use additional display monitors and may only use one mouse and one keyboard. Use a computer with no firewalls and for which you have complete administrative permissions. Work- and school-issued laptops often do NOT meet these requirements. Before beginning the testing process, ensure screen savers and sleep mode are disabled on your device to prevent interruptions. This applies to both MacOS and Windows devices.

Please note that applicants must use the same device they successfully used for the mock exam during the actual exam. If a different device is used, there is a risk of technical incompatibility, which may result in disqualification from the exam. No refunds will be issued in such cases.

Applicants who identified issues with their device during the mock exam were responsible for obtaining an alternative device. Retesting on the new system was permitted within the testing window.

Remote exam takers Using the Meazure Learning platform must meet the following minimum system requirements (MSRs):

## Minimum System Requirements

<b>Operating System</b>	Windows 10 or later Mac OS 11.0 or later All recent compatible versions of ChromeOS (Extension workflow only)
<b>Browser (extension workflow only)</b>	Chrome
<b>Connectivity</b>	3 Mbps (3072 Kbps) Upload & Download (mobile hotspots and tethering are discouraged)
<b>Webcam</b>	640x480 resolution
<b>Microphone</b>	All microphones other than those built into headphones are permitted.
<b>Speakers</b>	Built-in or external speakers are required.
<b>RAM</b>	8 GB
<b>CPU</b>	4 cores at 3.5-4.5ghz
<b>Monitor Resolution</b>	1366x768
<b>Ports</b>	UDP/TCP 80 UDP/TCP 443

All applicants should have received an email from Meazure Learning on January 13, 2025, inviting them to schedule their mock exam. You will have a profile set up in the Meazure Learning platform that will allow you to log in starting that day. Remote applicants will be required to schedule a proctored exam, while in-person applicants will take an unproctored exam that does not require scheduling.

The following instructions are provided by Meazure Learning for preparing your hardware and software:

### Use a Personal Computer

[Personal Computer Equipment Requirements](#)

## Test Your Equipment

- Disconnect any dual monitors. Only one screen is permitted on exam day.
- Review the equipment requirements.
- Install the Guardian browser.
- Disable the pop-up blocker.

For additional preparedness, review the Remote Proctoring FAQs:

- See [Remote Proctoring FAQ](#) regarding remote proctoring and preparedness for exam day. Meazure Learning highly recommends downloading the secure browser in advance of your test session.

## Try the Platform Tutorial

- Log in to your [candidate portal](#). The tutorial is designed to help you get familiar with the exam software. Try it as many times as you'd like.

You must be logged into the Meazure Learning platform to start the exam no later than 15 minutes prior to your appointment time, but you will not be able to launch your exam until your scheduled time. You are required to download the Guardian secure browser.

An easy-to-follow check-in process will guide you through the final preparations before a Meazure Learning proctor greets you. The proctor will perform a security check before you enter the exam. The security check will include a 360-degree scan of your testing space using your computer's camera. The check includes viewing under the desk area and the corners of your room, and it may include other inspections. The proctor will also ask that you use your cell phone or a reflective surface (mirror) to show the space behind the camera. Music/television and other background noise will not be allowed. After any break or disconnection, an additional check will be performed.

**To ensure a seamless check-in process, and to ensure you begin your exam session on time, we encourage applicants to prepare their space ahead of time. Applicants will be asked to remove everything from their desk that is not permanently affixed or approved for the test; if it needs to stay, it will be thoroughly checked to ensure no unpermitted materials are present.**

## Prepare Your Space

Clear your desk.

- You must test on a hard surface, such as a desk or table.
- Remove any notes, books, and electronic devices from your desk.
- If possible, position your desk with a closed door behind you.
- Ensure your room is private and free of distractions.
- If you wear a watch, remove it.
- Headphones are not permitted.

But keep a few things with you.

- Have one piece of photo identification ready.
- Have your cell phone with you or another reflective surface, such as a hand mirror. This will be used to provide the proctor with a view of what is behind the laptop or computer.
- Bring water. No food is allowed.

On exam day, please follow the instructions below.

### **Launch Your Exam**

- [Log in to your candidate portal.](#)
- Click the “Launch Exam” button at your exam time.
- You will be redirected to the ProctorU platform.
- Follow the on-screen instructions.
- You will be connected to a proctor within 15 minutes.
- Your proctor will walk you through a series of steps outlined in [this video.](#)
- This process does not count toward your exam time.

## **Exam Features**

- You will have access to an online notepad during the exam.
- You will have access to an online annotation tool during the exam. This includes highlight, strikethrough, and copy and paste features.
- If you require technical assistance on exam day, use the “Support” chat available in the Guardian secure browser.

## **Breaks**

There will be a 5-minute break between each session. Your exam will be divided into multiple sections, with a short break provided between each section. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to take a lunch break midway through the day. During all breaks, applicants must adhere to the countdown timer displayed on the break screen and return to the exam promptly when the break end.

## **Late arrivals**

Be ready at your exam appointment time. You may be denied access to your exam if you are late.

## **Cancelling**

You may cancel your exam at least 7 days prior to the exam administration. To cancel and rebook, navigate to your Exams page and click “Withdraw.” You can rebook your exam during the booking window, which is open January 30, 2025, to February 14, 2025. Please note: Cancelled appointments cannot be restored. It is not guaranteed you will be able to rebook the same appointment if cancelled.

## **For Applicants In-Person at Test Centers Where Computers are Provided**

All exam day details, admission requirements, and general information will be provided in your appointment confirmation email sent by Meazure Learning. This includes your name on file, your Meazure Learning username, the date and time of your exam session, the location of your test center, and any additional instructions provided by the testing venue.

You should plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early to check in and locate your assigned section or room. The exam will begin promptly after instructions are given. Please note that arriving late will not change the scheduled start time of your exam. Applicants granted extended time may have different schedules, which are posted on the [Testing Accommodations website](#).

All applicants are required to bring a printed confirmation notice upon arrival. This notice serves as confirmation of your exam appointment and contains all the necessary details about your exam. You will receive a separate confirmation email for each day of your exam. Important: The confirmation notice consists of multiple pages. Please ensure you print all pages and bring them with you to each testing session. The confirmation notice will be provided by Meazure Learning via email after you schedule your exam session.

## **Description of the Exam**

The California Bar Exam is composed of the General Bar Exam and the Attorneys' Exam. The General Bar Exam consists of three parts: five essay questions, one Performance Test (PT), and 200 multiple-choice questions (MCQs).

On Tuesday, applicants will have five one-hour sessions for the five essay questions and one 90-minute session for the Performance Test. The Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs) will be administered on Wednesday.

On the written section of the exam, applicants are initially graded on a basis of 700 maximum possible raw points. An applicant can earn up to 100 raw points on each of the five essay questions and up to 200 raw points on the PT. The scores obtained on the written section of the exam are then translated to a 2000-point scale. An applicant's total score is the scaled MCQ score multiplied by .50 plus the converted score on the written section multiplied by .50. Scaling ensures the two portions of the exam carry the relative weights assigned to them: written (50 percent) and MCQ (50 percent). The passing score on the exam is 1390.

The Attorneys' Exam consists of the five essay questions and the PT from the General Bar Exam. An applicant can earn up to 100 raw points on each essay question and up to 200 raw points on the PT. The same methodology described above will be used to convert the written scores to a 2000-point scale. The total scale score for the Attorneys' Exam is based on the written portion. The passing score is 1390.

The Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE) judges the validity of the exam and, at its discretion, may determine that the result of any test, any part of any test, or any individual's score is not valid.

Should the CBE invalidate any part of the test, or if any individual's test is declared invalid, or for any reason, any part of the test cannot be graded, the CBE may decide, at its discretion, to make a pass/fail decision on the basis of the valid portion of the applicant's test product available to the CBE.

Applicants are required to take and pass the exam assigned and approved by the Office of Admissions. Requests to switch between the Attorneys' Exam and the General Bar Exam are not permitted after the final application filing deadline.

## Exam Administration Rules and Policies

Failure to follow oral and written instructions while the exam is in session will result in notice to the State Bar of California of a violation of exam rules in accordance with the provisions of Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 6 of the Rules of the State Bar of California (Admissions Rules).

Conduct that results in a violation of security or safety or disrupts the administration of the exam and will result in notice to the State Bar of a violation of exam rules and, in some cases, lead to a score of zero on the exam, lead to a moral character referral, and/or dismissal from the exam test center includes, but is not limited to:

- Sharing, discussing, or disseminating any exam content **before the entire testing population has completed the exam** (such as sharing exam questions, answers, or topics through social media, online forums, private group chats, or any other means of communication);
- The use of artificial intelligence tools, other forms of technology, or any prohibited aids to access, record, or share exam content or to review, analyze, or generate notes or responses about exam content;
- Bringing unauthorized items into the exam room (such as notes, paper, etc.);
- Writing or typing after time has been called;
- Looking at another applicant's papers, whiteboard, or computer screen;
- Reading aloud any portion of the exam questions or responses;
- Talking while the exam is in session; and
- Being abusive to other applicants, staff, proctors, and/or other exam personnel.

Applicants are expected to maintain a professional attitude toward other applicants, staff, proctors, and other exam personnel at all times. Behavior that is disruptive will be reported to the State Bar for whatever action it deems appropriate.

Applicants may not wear hats, caps, hoods, or any other type of headwear during the exam unless the headwear is for religious purposes. Religious headwear (i.e., hijabs, yarmulkes, etc.) may be subject to inspection, if such inspection is required in order to verify the identity of the applicant or if there is suspected cheating.



## Permitted Items

The following items are allowed for applicants testing in person at a test center without prior approval but must be stored in an assigned locker at your own risk. Neither the State Bar, the Committee of Bar Examiners, the Office of Admissions staff, nor Measure Learning proctors assume responsibility for the safekeeping of these items. All items are subject to inspection at the test center. However, items stored in a locker will not be inspected by a proctor. Inspections will only occur if the items are brought into the testing area.

- Over-the-counter and prescription medication
- Unwrapped cough drops/lozenges
- Chapstick and lip balm (no labels or writing on it)
- Cash (must not have extraneous writing on it)
- Credit/debit cards
- Keys
- Menstrual products
- Diabetes-related items and equipment (does not include food or drinks)
- One bottle of water, but no other types of drinks or powder drink mixes. The water must be in a clear, plastic container with a lid, no larger than 32 ounces, and without any labels or writing
- Eyedrops no larger than 5 oz (no labels or writing on it)

The following items are permitted within the exam area, whether it is a remote exam or at a test center, without prior approval. All items are subject to inspection.

- Valid government-issued identification
- Eyeglasses (no cases or sunglasses)
- Foam earplugs (cannot be silicon, wax, or wireless, and must not be connected to any mechanism or device)

- An 8.25" x 11" or 9" x 12" dry-erase double-sided whiteboard for use during the exam
- Brick-shaped felt erasers or fabric cloth

Applicants who are hand-writing or have certain testing accommodations allowing them access to hard-copy exam materials may be allowed the following:

- Nonmechanical pencils (several sharpened pencils are recommended)
- Separate erasers without markings
- Manual pencil sharpener (must be clear and have an attachable container to catch shavings)
- Pen-style highlighters (must not be used on answers)
- Rulers
- Paper clips

Please note that applicants, whether testing remotely or in person, **may not** bring the following:

- Wallets
- Tissues
- Gum or candy
- Food or drinks (except for the allowed single 32-ounce water bottle)
- Watches
- Sunglasses
- Non-religious headwear

If unauthorized items are brought into the exam room, either intentionally or inadvertently, they will be confiscated or noted, and the applicant will receive a Chapter 6 Notice and possibly additional sanctions imposed by the State Bar or the Committee of Bar Examiners. In accordance with the committee's policies, applicants will receive a score of zero for any session during which they are found to have brought an unauthorized electronic device, cell phone, watch or timer, or activity tracker device (e.g.,

Fitbit) into the exam room after the exam check-in process, as well as any additional sanctions the State Bar or the committee may impose.

### **Test Center Environment**

Every effort will be made to maintain a comfortable and quiet environment at the test center. However, certain events, conditions, or actions of third parties may occur that are beyond the control of the State Bar, the CBE, or Measure Learning. For example, test center temperatures may fluctuate due to the weather conditions or issues with the cooling or heating systems; applicants should be prepared for both warm and cold environments. While efforts will be made to minimize noise, a completely silent environment cannot be guaranteed. Applicants should anticipate potential disruptions, such as sounds from other test-takers, proctors performing their duties, individuals entering or exiting the exam room, operational equipment inside or outside the facility, or concurrent meetings or events at the venue. To mitigate these distractions, the use of earplugs of the type specified above is strongly recommended.

### **General Instructions**

1. If items other than those allowed are brought to the test center, you will be required to store them in the locker. The State Bar, CBE, Measure Learning, and proctors assume no responsibility for the safekeeping of items that you bring to the test center. You are not permitted access to those items while the exam is in session.
2. During the exam, you will be required to show a valid government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license, California Identification Card, or passport) for the purpose of identity verification. Digital identification and expired identification will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made; applicants will not be able to access the exam without proper identification.
3. If you are handwriting your answers, at the beginning of each written (essays and PT) session of the exam, you will be instructed to write your applicant number and name on each of your answer booklets. Do not write notes, outlines, answers, time schedules, or any marks on the inside or outside of your answer booklets. The book covers are used for administrative purposes only. Your personal information will not be provided to any graders. Applicant answers are identified solely by a code number, ensuring graders have no information about the individual applicant.
4. You are not allowed to make notes from memory prior to the start of the exam session. If you are using your laptop, you may not access any notes or other documents on your computer after you have entered the exam area. All applicants will have access or permission to access virtual scratch paper and an 8.5" x 11" dry-erase whiteboard for use during the exam. The whiteboard will be subject to inspection, and larger sizes will not be permitted.

5. If you are handwriting your answers, there is a separate answer book for each written question, and you must be certain that the answer to Question No. 1 is written in the book for Question No. 1, etc. If you are handwriting, you should do so as legibly as possible. A ballpoint pen with standard blue or black ink must be used to write your answers. Answers to the essay and PT questions written in pencil are not acceptable. Neither highlighters nor Wite-Out may be used on your answers to the essay and PT questions.
6. Exam questions and used scratch paper may not be taken out of the exam room. After completing each session of the exam, all exam questions and used scratch paper must be placed in the envelope designated for that purpose.
7. If you handwrite your exam answers or any part thereof, it is your responsibility to turn in your written exam answers to the proctors. You may not leave the test center with any exam materials, including your answers.
8. The exam is electronically timed, and the official exam time will be displayed by the exam timer.
9. Timing devices (i.e., watches and clocks) are not allowed to be brought into the exam test centers. If found, they will be confiscated, and the applicant will receive a Chapter 6 Notice.
10. Writing and typing of answers must be completed when time is called. Please note that extra time is not granted to any individual applicant for any reason. If you attempt to write anything after time has been called, you will receive a Chapter 6 Notice.
11. Restrooms will be available at each test center. You should use the facilities before taking your seat so you do not miss the instructions prior to the start of each session. Extra time to use the restroom will not be granted. After time is called, you will **not** be permitted to use the restroom or leave your seat until all materials are collected and inventoried. If you fail to remain seated after being advised to do so or while the exam materials are being collected and inventoried, you will receive a Chapter 6 Notice.
12. Applicants are permitted to bring one bottle of water into the testing center. The water must be in a clear, plastic container with a lid, no larger than 32 ounces, and without any labels or writing.
13. If you are leaving your seat for any reason, you should be considerate of others who are taking the exam. The scraping of chairs, heavy footsteps, or conversation just outside the exam area can disturb others.

14. If you leave the secure exam area during the exam session, you will not be permitted to return for the purpose of completing your exam answers. In the event of a true emergency break, applicants will be allowed to leave the testing area briefly. An incident will be filed.
15. If there is an emergency of any kind, you should remain seated and wait for instructions on how to proceed.

### **No Smoking**

**Smoking is prohibited at test centers located in buildings that do not allow smoking in accordance with city ordinances.** Regardless of whether smoking is prohibited, any applicant who exits the secure exam area in order to smoke while the exam is in progress will not be allowed to re-enter to complete the exam.

### **Laptop Computer Users**

After you have been notified that your admittance ticket is available, you are eligible to have your laptop registered for use during the exam. You must download and install the required Guardian secure browser) onto your laptop, and you must complete the registration process by February 14, 2025, with the completion of one mandatory mock exam. Complete the following steps to ensure your laptop is ready for exam day:

1. Download the required security software (Guardian) onto your computer, and register with Meazure Learning.
2. Take the required mock exam.

### **Exam Attendance Policy**

If you are absent for any portion of the exam, you will be considered as having not taken the exam, and your exam answers will not be graded. If you plan to take a future administration, you will need to adhere to the application filing deadline for first-time applicants rather than those for immediate repeaters. In addition, applicants must make a good-faith effort to complete each session they attend. Failure to do so may result in receiving a Chapter 6 Notice.

### **Late Arrival to Test Center**

Applicants arriving at the test center after 30 minutes of testing time has elapsed will not be permitted to enter the test center for any portion of the exam.

## **Address Change**

Applicants are encouraged to notify the Office of Admissions of a change of address as soon as possible. Applicants can update their admissions file with the new address by accessing their account through the [Applicant Portal](#).

## **Moral Character**

Pursuant to the Admissions Rules, you must receive a positive moral character determination before you can be certified to the Supreme Court for admission to the practice of law. You can submit an Application for Determination of Moral Character in the [Applicant Portal](#). The processing of these applications generally takes a minimum of 180 days to complete. If you have not already submitted a moral character application, you should do so as soon as possible.

## **Admittance Ticket**

Applicants will receive an email alerting them when admittance tickets are ready to be printed. The admittance ticket can be located in the exam case record through the [Applicant Portal](#).

## **Further Communication or Assistance**

For questions about the California Bar Exam, you should contact the State Bar's Office of Admissions by sending an email directly from your Applicant Portal. If you need to contact the office by phone, please use one of the following numbers:

### **Los Angeles**

845 South Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, CA, 90017

213-765-1000

### **San Francisco**

180 Howard Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

415-538-2000

For questions related to the Meazure Learning remote exam platform or a Meazure Learning test center, please contact them directly using:

[Real-time chat](#)

Phone: 1-855-772-8678, Option 1

[Ticket support \(for non-urgent matters\)](#)

### **California Bar Exam Results**

Results from the February 2025 administration of the California Bar Exam will be available to applicants through their Applicant Portal on May 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Communication regarding exam results will be sent to the applicant's contact information on file. Please note that applicants will not be able to change their contact information the week before the exam results are released.

You may also determine whether your name appears on the public pass list, which will be posted on the State Bar website on May 4, 2025.