



# The State Bar of California

With less than one week to go before the July 30–31 Bar Exam, here's what you need to know to make sure you're ready for exam day. You got this!

## Key Dates and Deadlines

**TODAY, July 26:** Deadline for laptop users to complete the **mandatory** mock exam and download exam files.

August 1 (12:00 p.m. Pacific Time): Deadline for laptop users to [upload answer files](#).

Applicants granted extended time to test must upload their written session answers by noon after their exam concludes (see details below under What Happens After the Exam).

## **\*Important\* Final Day for Laptop Users to Complete Required Mock Exam**

- Follow [ExamSoft's instructions for taking the mock exam](#).
- Confirm you have completed the mock exam by launching Examplify on your laptop and checking for the 'Mock Exam Completed' notification.
- After you have downloaded and completed the mandatory mock exam and uploaded the related exam answer files, the files for the actual exam will download automatically. Exam files will not contain exam questions; you will receive those on exam day.

## Pre-Exam Checklist

- Read the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#) for important exam-day information.
- Laptop users:
  - Confirm you are using Examplify version 3.6.1 (the number is displayed in the bottom right corner of the screen after the program launch). If you don't have the correct version, call **ExamSoft Support at 888-816-3065**.
  - Confirm that your Examplify dashboard displays all exam files in the left column and that "Exam File Downloaded" appears below each file name. If any required files are not listed, click "Refresh Exam List" and "Download Exam" next to each exam file that has not yet been downloaded. If you still do not see all the files, contact [ExamSoft Support](#) immediately.
  - Preview [exam day instructions](#).

## Visiting Test Centers

If you're assigned to a standard test center and want to get a feel for the place before the exam, you can visit from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 29. Our State Bar staff will be there to answer any questions and provide support. Please note that the exam rooms themselves won't be open for inspection before exam day, but we're here to help you feel as prepared as possible.

Applicants granted testing accommodations must check in with State Bar staff at your test center on Monday, July 29, to receive your room assignment, have your equipment inspected (if applicable), and confirm all accommodations granted have been provided, within any limitations that may be imposed as a result of test center logistics or availability. If your last name begins with the letters A–M, arrive at the test center between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday. If your last name starts with the letters N–Z, arrive at the test center between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday.

For more information about the testing centers, [read the FAQ](#) which is updated as more details become available.

## Exam Day Checklist

Plan to arrive at your test center at least 20 minutes early to check in and locate your assigned section or room. Applicants using laptops must be seated by 8:20 a.m. All applicants must be seated by 8:30 a.m. [Review the full schedule](#). Even if you have taken the exam before, please listen to the instructions as information may have changed. Remember to bring the following:

- Valid government-issued ID
- Printed admittance ticket (with no other writing on it), found in the [Applicant Portal](#)
- Fully charged laptop, if using, and a charging cord (keep laptops plugged in until each exam session ends)
- Water bottle (optional, but recommended). It must be a clear plastic container with a lid and no larger than 32 ounces. It must have no labels or writing. To reduce the chance of accidental spillage, store water bottles on the floor away from exam materials.

Examples of acceptable containers:

- Clear, single-use 1L bottles with the label removed
- Clear, plastic reusable bottles that have a brand name and fluid markings
- Any snacks or beverages you may need to keep outside the test center for use during breaks

- Clothing layers so you can be comfortable in case the test center is warmer or cooler than you expect
- Foam earplugs (optional, but recommended). They cannot be silicon, wax, or wireless and must not be connected to any mechanism or device. The State Bar will try to keep the test center quiet, but we cannot guarantee a noise-free environment.
- Any other approved items you will need. Review the list of approved items on page 3 of the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#), and note that the list is slightly different for the Multistate Bar Exam on Day 2.

### **What Happens After the Exam**

For laptop users, once you have exited the exam, the software will auto-upload your answer files when you have an Internet connection. [Review ExamSoft's instructions for confirming the upload](#), which you must complete by 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time on August 1, unless you have testing accommodations that specify otherwise.

Applicants granted extended time for testing have different deadlines for uploading answer files, as follows:

- If you are taking the examination over three days, ALL of your answer files must be uploaded by 12:00 noon (Pacific Time) on Friday, August 2, 2024.
- If you are taking the examination over four days, ALL of your answer files must be uploaded by 12:00 noon (Pacific Time) on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

The State Bar is scheduled to release the July 2024 bar exam results to applicants in the Applicant Portal at 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time on November 8. Applicants can also access the pass list on the [Exam Results webpage](#), which contains links to more information for successful applicants. Learn more:

- About the [grading process](#)
- About the [scaling process](#)

### **COVID Concerns?**

We are following all federal, state, and local safety guidelines. Applicants may wear face masks without valves (with no patterns or extraneous writing) during the exam. The masks will be subject to inspection at check-in.

### **Lawyer Assistance Program Offers Resources**

Remember, you are not alone in this journey. The [State Bar's Lawyer Assistance Program \(LAP\)](#) is here to provide you with confidential services to help you navigate any challenges you

may face. The LAP can assist you with stress, relationship challenges, grief, burnout, anxiety, substance use problems, and other mental health issues. Some of the services available are:

- Two free career counseling sessions
- Two free individual counseling sessions with a local therapist who specializes in working with legal professionals.
- Professional monitoring services that can provide documentation of progress in recovery from substance use disorders and/or for managing mental health challenges. Financial assistance may be available if you qualify.

For more information on the services, please complete the [request form](#). The LAP will also schedule free presentations for your law school, student association, or other law-related groups. To schedule a presentation, complete the [speaker request form](#).

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