



The State Bar of California

With less than three weeks 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. We'll be sending you these countdown emails weekly until the exam.

Key Dates and Deadlines

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.

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Two Weeks to Complete Mock Exams

Once the State Bar has verified your eligibility to sit for the exam, your admittance ticket will be available in the Applicant Portal. Shortly after, approved applicants using laptops will receive an email from ExamSoft with instructions for downloading the exam software and taking the mandatory mock exam. Although the deadline isn't until July 26, consider taking care of this requirement now. It will take as little as 10 minutes.

- Read the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#) for important exam-day information.
- Learn more about [using laptops](#) for the July 2024 bar exam.

- Review [instructional videos and guides](#) on taking the mock exam to familiarize you with the exam software.

ExamSoft Questions?

The [Exam-Takers page](#) has information on how to set up your device, install Examplify, prepare and take exams, and more.

Admittance Ticket Questions?

If your admittance ticket is not yet available, it could be due to one of the following:

- You have a pending Testing Accommodations request.
- The State Bar still needs to verify your eligibility to sit for the exam. The eligibility deadline is July 16.

Also, make sure your address is up-to-date in the [Applicant Portal](#). Note: You must present a valid government-issued ID for identity verification on exam day, but the ID address does not need to match the one on your Admittance Ticket.

Stay Hydrated, and Consider Bringing Your Lunch

Please note that water fountains may only be available at some test sites. Test takers are encouraged to bring one filled water bottle into the testing center. To reduce the chance of accidental spillage, store water bottles on the floor away from exam materials.

It must be a clear, plastic container with a lid no larger than 32 ounces and no labels or writing, and will be subject to inspection.

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.

Food, including powdered drink mix, is prohibited inside the test center. However, consider packing a lunch or snacks so you don't have to travel far to eat during the lunch break.

Additional Information About the Test Centers

Arrive early to ensure sufficient time to park and settle into your testing space.

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

State Bar of California—Los Angeles, [845 South Figueroa Street](#):

- If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find and pay for long-term parking. There are several parking lots and garages in the vicinity.
- Build in extra time to go through security before you are allowed to your exam check-in location. Testing could be in a conference room, office, or cubicle.

Golden Gate University—San Francisco, [536 Mission St](#):

- Consider taking public transportation, as nearby parking lots may fill quickly.
- If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find and pay for parking.
- Build in extra time to check in.

Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center—Chula Vista, [2800 Olympic Parkway](#):

- If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find parking. This site has designated parking lots, about an 8-minute walk from the exam entrance.
- Build in extra time to check in.
- Bathrooms are in the Visitor Center by the parking area, plus portable restrooms outside the testing area.
- Expect limited seating during lunch breaks, indoors at the Visitor Center, or outdoors at a nearby stadium with shade.
- Fast food options are less than a 10-minute drive away.

University of San Diego–Warren Hall, [5998 Alcalá Park Way](#):

- If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find parking.
- Build in extra time to check in.

Pasadena Convention Center, [300 East Green St.](#):

- 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](#).

The Grounds, [700 Event Center Drive, Roseville](#):

- Fast food options are about a 6-minute drive away.
- During lunch breaks, expect limited seating indoors at Johnson Hall or outdoors with shade at Attaway Pavilion.

Ontario Convention Center, [2000 E. Convention Center Way](#):

- Those with testing accommodations will be on the second floor. Laptop writers will be on the first floor.

Applicants who wish to familiarize themselves with their testing site before exam day may do so from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 29.

July 16 Eligibility, Withdrawal Deadlines

Most applicants have already received confirmation of their eligibility to sit for the July Bar Exam. For those still pending eligibility to sit for this exam, please be aware that July 16 is the final deadline to submit proof of eligibility to sit for the exam. July 16 is also the final deadline for general applicants to submit proof of law study and for attorney applicants to submit a Certificate of Good Standing from another jurisdiction.

Considering withdrawing from the exam? Please note that July 16 is the final withdrawal deadline. Those who withdraw after July 16 will be considered no-shows, which could delay their processing for the next exam.

Did You Know? If Your Laptop or Software Crashes, You May Handwrite the Exam

You can resolve most technical issues during an exam by rebooting your laptop. Do not attempt to exit the exam. Simply turn off your device (press and hold the power button). Upon restart, Examplify should return to within 59 seconds of where you left off. If the problem persists, notify a proctor, who will provide you with a handwriting packet. You will not be able to get individual troubleshooting help onsite. Find more exam-day information in the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#).

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