



The State Bar of California

With less than five 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're sending you these countdown emails weekly until the exam.

Key Dates and Deadlines

July 1: Final day to request a test center change

July 1: Final day to appeal the outcome of a testing accommodations request

July 2: First day that admittance tickets are available

July 2: First day that laptop users may download and take the **mandatory** mock exam

July 26: Deadline for laptop users to complete mandatory mock exam and download exam files

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

[More Bar Exam Dates and Deadlines](#)

Admittance Tickets and Mock Exams Coming Next Week

Beginning Tuesday, July 2, 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 by July 26. Please note that those with pending testing accommodations requests must wait for a decision before they can print their admittance tickets.

- Ensure your laptop meets the [minimum system requirements](#) outlined by exam software provider ExamSoft.
- Learn more about [using laptops](#) for the July 2024 bar exam, so you will be ready when the software becomes available for download after July 2.
- Review [instructional videos and guides](#) on taking the mock exam.
- Read the Admittance Ticket Bulletin after it is posted on July 2 for important exam-day information.

Test Center Assignments Pending

Monday, July 1, is the deadline to request test center changes in the Applicant Portal. We will do our best to accommodate your request, but we cannot guarantee you will receive your preferred location. [The test centers are listed here](#). We are processing outstanding requests in the order received. Thanks for your patience.

[Read the FAQ](#) for important information about the new test centers. We recommend familiarizing yourself with your exam test location and arriving early to ensure you are seated on time.

You may also visit the testing sites on July 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. State Bar staff will be on-site to answer questions. Please note that the exam rooms will only be open to those with testing accommodations.

Testing Accommodations Appeals Due July 1

Applicants who were denied testing accommodations or did not receive the accommodations they requested have until July 1 to file an appeal. Appeals may be made in the [Applicant Portal](#). The appeal must specify, under penalty of perjury, the reasons you disagree with the determination and include any supporting documentation or evidence. Applicants with a newly acquired injury or disability have until July 19 to file an emergency petition with supporting medical documentation.

Exam Day Tips from the State Bar's Public Trust Liaison

Enrique Zuniga has been a bar exam taker, just like you. As the State Bar of California's first-ever [public trust liaison](#), he is here to help you.

Here are three steps he took to ease stress so he could perform his best on exam day:

- Eating the same thing for breakfast and lunch in the days and weeks leading up to the exam kept his energy levels up and gave him one less decision to make every day. On exam day, he ate that same breakfast (fried egg, ham, cheese, and toast) and packed that same lunch (a ham and cheese sandwich with tomato and lettuce and a bag of chips with a bottle of water and a Starbucks drink) in a cooler. That way, he avoided the long restaurant lines near the test centers and didn't have to worry about eating something that didn't agree with him.

- Keeping a routine sleep schedule leading up to the exam ensured he was well-rested.
- Scouting out the exam location in advance reassured him that he would know precisely how long it would take to get to the test center, leaving plenty of time for traffic or other unexpected obstacles.

“Think of it like the Olympics. It’s a privilege simply to be here. That mindset will put you in a position of gratitude and take away the pressure,” Zuniga said. “I wish you all the best of luck. Trust your instincts. Most people know more than they realize.”

For questions or concerns about any Admissions issue you have been unable to resolve through other channels at the State Bar, fill out this [inquiry form](#).

Book Covers

The State Bar no longer uses book covers for the essays and performance test for applicants testing on a laptop. However, all users will still receive coverless paper booklets containing the exam questions. Only applicants with testing accommodations using special software, handwriters, and those needing to switch to handwriting due to a laptop malfunction will use booklets with book covers.

Notice Regarding July 4 Holiday

Please note that the State Bar offices will be closed for the July 4 holiday. The State Bar offices will be open on July 5th. Contact Center staff will not be available to answer questions that day and email responses may be delayed. Consult the links below for answers to frequently asked questions.

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