



The State Bar of California

With less than two 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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Final Week to Complete Your Required Mock Exam

Next Friday, July 26, is the deadline for laptop users to complete the mandatory mock exam. This crucial step confirms that your laptop is compatible and configured correctly for use with the exam software. It also helps familiarize you with Examplify's features and functionality.

You must complete this process each time you register to take the bar exam, regardless of any previous Examplify registrations you may have completed for this or any other examination.

Here are the steps:

- When the state Bar confirms your eligibility to sit for the exam, ExamSoft will email you your ID and password so you can download the exam software.
- Go to <http://www.examsoft.com/CALBar> and enter your ID and password into the Exam Takers section on the upper left-hand side.
- Confirm your device meets all [minimum system requirements](#) and install the software on the laptop you will use on exam day. If you need to re-download the software due to incompatibility issues, there is a \$50 administrative fee to re-download on a new device.
- Follow the on-screen instructions for the mock exam (your computer will go into secure mode during the exam, and you will not have access to the Internet or any documents on your device).

- Become familiar with the software features and functionality, including essay editing and formatting tools like spell-check, cut, copy, and paste.
- Once you have completed the mandatory mock exam and are comfortable with the software, click "Finish" on the last question OR select "Exam Controls" then "Submit Exam." On the blue screen, click the checkbox and then click "Submit Exam."
- If you have an Internet connection, the mandatory mock exam will automatically upload, and you will see a green confirmation screen. This screen indicates that your mock exam has been successfully uploaded and is ready for review. You will also receive an email confirmation for your *first* mock exam attempt.
- You may verify the time and date of your uploaded mock exam in Exemplify below the exam name. You may also take the mock exam as many times as you wish.
- After you have downloaded and completed the mandatory mock exam and uploaded the related exam answer files, the files for the actual team will download automatically. Exam files do not contain exam questions; those are handed out in paper booklets on exam day.

Preparing for Exam Day

For the best chance of having a smooth testing experience, read the [Admittance Ticket Bulletin](#) for important exam-day information. Laptop users may review [ExamSoft's preparation tips](#) and [best practices](#).

Plan to arrive at your test center early to give you plenty of time to check in and get settled.

Get ready to bring the following on exam day:

- 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
- 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.

Last Day to Request Emergency Testing Accommodations

Applicants with a newly acquired injury or disability have until today, July 19, to file an emergency petition for testing accommodations. Petitions may be filed in the [Applicant Portal](#) and must include supporting medical documentation.

Bringing Eye Drops?

- The Admittance Ticket Bulletin is being updated to say that eye drops no larger than .5 oz (with no labels or writing) are allowed. All items are subject to inspection at the test centers.

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