

Bar Exam Snapshot: California*

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Bar exam

2010 exam dates/ locations	- Tuesday, February 23, Wednesday, February 24, and Thursday, February 25 - Tuesday, July 27, Wednesday, July 28, and Thursday, July 29 - Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco bay area, Sacramento
Subject matter (MBE in bold)	Contracts, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Procedure , Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, California Civil Procedure, Corporations, Agency, Partnership, California Community Property, California and Federal Evidence , California Professional Responsibility, Real Property , Remedies, Torts , Trusts, and California Wills and Succession
Structure	- Tuesday = three essays (one hour each), one performance test (three hours) - Wednesday = MBE - 200 total multiple choice questions (100 each administered in morning/afternoon) - 33 questions in Contracts and Torts - 31 questions in Con Law, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, and Real Property - 190 graded questions, 10 experimental questions (indistinguishable) - Thursday = three essays (one hour each), one performance test (three hours)
Scoring	MBE = 35%, essays/performance tests = 65%
MPRE	- Minimum score for applicants who took MPRE prior to January 1, 2008 = 79 - Minimum score for applicants who took MPRE after January 1, 2008 = 86 - Applicants may take exam any time after completing first year of study AND after registering with Committee of Bar Examiners (must register online)
Pass %	July 2008 = 74% first time takers, 61% all takers

Bar exam application

Contact info	- Office of Admissions, The State Bar of California - Southern California: 1149 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90015; 213.765.1550 - Northern California: 180 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94105; 415.538.2300 - Inquiries should be submitted in writing – only if inquiry relates to genuine emergency and requires immediate attention should you call either office - Office hours: 8:45 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday
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Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February 2010 exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application available October 1, timely filed November 2 - Final application deadline January 15 - July 2010 exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application available March 1, timely filed April 1 - Final application deadline June 15
Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law student registration (if filed within 90 days of start of law school) = \$97 - Moral Character Determination = \$453 - Exam application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General applicant = \$556 - Late fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February: November 3 – November 30 = \$50, December 1 – January 15 = \$250 - July: April 2 – April 30 = \$50, May 1 – June 15 = \$250
Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of requirements for admission to practice law in California <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Register with Committee of Bar Examiners as law student applicant - Establish exemption from California First Year Exam - File application to take the bar and after eligibility has been confirmed, take the bar - File application for moral character determination and receive positive determination - File application to take MPRE, and achieve minimum score - Be in compliance with California court ordered child or family support obligations - Separate and distinct applications are required - Applications for registration and moral character determination available anytime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moral character determination may be filed anytime after registration - Can take 180 days or more to process - Applications available October 1 for February bar, March 1 for July bar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exam applicants are encouraged to file eight – 10 months prior to ADMISSION date - Must apply online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must establish account (this is done only once) - Select and complete application (will receive email confirmation) - Must pay with credit card – checks/money orders not acceptable for online applications
Other	Laptop program available for all interested, \$125 fee

Post-bar exam

Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February results released within 12 -14 weeks, July results released within 16 – 18 weeks - Results first available online to applicants only (May 14 for February 2010 exam), then available online to public (May 16 for February 2010 exam) - Need File Number and Applicant Number (as shown on admission ticket, ID badge) to access list - Within 60 days of release of results, answers to written portions of the exam are returned to failed applicants; applicants who pass do not receive answers
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