

Bar Exam Checklist

Florida Bar Admission

The bar admissions process is lengthy. Florida bar applicants must file both a law student registration and a bar exam application. To qualify for the lowest fee, applicants should file the student registration by the earliest deadline date their first year of law school as filing fees increase incrementally over time.

Register as 1L or 2L student | qualify for the lowest fee

You should have already registered with the Florida Board of Bar Examiners within the first or second years of law school. You can also register following graduation by filing a registrant bar application, paying the applicable fee and providing any required supplemental documents.

Checklist to register: floridabarexam.org

Law school start dates and associated registration fees:

August/September

\$100 by January 15
\$350 by March 15

\$100 by June 15
\$350 by August 15

\$100 by October 15
\$350 by December 15

January/February

\$400

May/June

Filing fee as a 2L or 3L student:

Fee for students who didn't file during law school and haven't been admitted in a different jurisdiction for a period longer than 12 months: \$1,000

Different fee schedules for those who filed during school but haven't practiced, and practicing attorneys.

For more fee information and deadlines, download the free BARBRI Bar Exam Digest at: barbri.com/about-the-bar-exam/

Take the MPRE | Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam

It's a good idea to take the MPRE any time during 2L year or as early in your 3L year as possible. A scaled score of 80 on the MPRE is required for admission to the Florida bar. The score must be attained within 25 months of passing other parts of the Florida Bar Exam. Your passing MPRE score must be submitted to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

The MPRE is a two-hour, 60-question multiple-choice exam developed by the NCBE and administered in the spring, summer, and fall. When registering for the MPRE, students can select one of two dates offered at a time (see chart below) on a first come, first served basis.

Registration for all 2021 MPRE dates opens Monday, December 14, 2020.

Upcoming test date	Registration deadline (fee: \$135)	Scan for more information
March 29 or 30, 2021	January 28, 2021	
August 11 or 12, 2021	June 10, 2021	
November 4 or 5, 2021	September 17, 2021	

You can register for the free BARBRI MPRE Review Course here: barbri.com/mpre-review/



Secure your bar review | made just for you

The earlier you commit during law school, the greater the discount. Lock in your BARBRI Bar Review savings at: barbri.com/bar-review-course/bar-review-course-details/

If you'll be billing a firm, congratulations. Just remember to select the BARBRI Firm Decision option during the enrollment process.

If you'll be paying for your bar review course (not billing an employer), you can finance the cost or set up a monthly payment plan to better meet your budget.

If you're going into Public Interest, you can apply for a BARBRI Public Interest Scholarship that reduces your bar review tuition at barbri.com/publicinterest

For more information about these options, **contact your BARBRI Director of Legal Education** or email service@barbri.com

Learn about what's tested on the Florida Bar Exam: floridabarexam.org

Speak with a BARBRI Florida-licensed attorney to learn more: barbri.com/law-school-contact

Also, due to the level of uncertainty presented by COVID-19, the July 2021 Florida bar exam will be administered remotely. Rest assured that BARBRI has you covered. Throughout your BARBRI Bar Review course, you will receive online bar exam test taking tips and strategies. You will also have ample opportunities to practice all components of your bar exam in an online format.

Create an NCBE account | before bar exam application

My NCBE Number

All law students are required to create an NCBE Account that comes with a unique NCBE Number for identification purposes. You will need this number to be able to take the MBE (Multistate Bar Exam), which is developed by the NCBE (National Conference of Bar Examiners). The MBE is administered on Day 2 of the Florida Bar Exam.

Most students create an NCBE account when registering for the MPRE.

Here's where to register with the NCBE: ncbex.org/exams/mbe/registration

Convert your student registration | file early

You must file both a law student registration and bar application for admission. Your student registration should be converted to a bar application at the beginning of 3L year. Early filing is recommended to avoid added late fees. You must convert or file in order to receive a ticket of admission into the bar exam.

Checklist to convert a student registration to pursue admission to The Florida Bar: floridabarexam.org

Timely filing fee (by November 15 for February bar exam and by May 1 for July bar exam): \$600

Late fee (by December 15 for February bar exam and by June 1 for July bar exam): \$325

Final late fee (by January 18 for February bar exam and by June 15 for July bar exam): \$625

Proof of character and fitness | start early, expect a thorough check

This required background investigation by the Supreme Court of Florida cannot be initiated without a completed bar application, Authorization and Release (A&R) Form, and appropriate fee payment.

You will be asked to disclose details about your academic, work, and financial history, as well as any criminal record and civil proceedings. Candor is key. You will also need to include references, your final law school transcripts, driving record, birth certificate, passport, and fingerprints.

In order to be admitted in Florida, you must have proof of good moral character and successfully complete the Florida Bar Examination.

Additional character and fitness details: www.floridabarexam.org

Register your laptop | no deadline extensions

You are allowed to use a laptop to type the essay portion of the bar exam by selecting that option on your bar application or bar re-examination/conversion application, paying the fee, and then registering your laptop prior to the specified deadlines.

For the February bar exam, apply with the Board by January 15, and register and qualify with ILG Technologies between January 2 through February 1. For the July exam, apply with the Board by June 15, and register and qualify with ILG Technologies between June 1 through July 1.

Fee: \$125

Complete laptop registration details, including specifications and ILG Exam360 software installation: www.floridabarexam.org

Helpful tip: Remember to bring an extension cord in case your laptop charger does not reach the provided outlet.

Results and swearing in | after bar exam

The Supreme Court of Florida posts the pass/fail results from the most recent bar exam. The results are available online for 30 days after the date the Court officially orders their release.

Notification of the posting of bar scores will be sent out by the Court's Twitter feed: @flcourts or twitter.com/flcourts and Facebook page: facebook.com/floridasupremecourt

For details, go to: floridasupremecourt.org/barscores/index.shtml

Once you're "Authorized to be Sworn in", you will receive a letter from the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida. Once you've been sworn in, send in your completed oath and you will be issued your bar number in about three weeks.

Florida State Bar

All information derived from the website at
floridabarexam.org

If you have any questions, please contact BARBRI Director of Legal Education at
barbri.com/law-school-contact/