



# Bar Exam Checklist

## Georgia Bar Admission

The bar admissions process is a lengthy, two-step process that requires the submission of two separate applications, each with separate deadlines and fees. Georgia bar applicants must file both an application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law in Georgia and a bar exam application. To qualify for the lowest fee, applicants should by the earliest deadline dates as filing fees increase incrementally over time.

### Complete Character and Fitness Application | prior to the award of juris doctorate

To become eligible for Admission to the Practice of Law in Georgia, an individual must receive Certification of Fitness by the GA Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants. You should complete this while you are still in school to maximize savings. You can also register following graduation in the same manner, paying the applicable fee and providing any required supplemental documents. Once obtained, your Certification of Fitness is good for **5 years, allowing you to take the bar exam any time after obtaining it.**

Information necessary to register: [gabaradmissions.org/certification-of-fitness](http://gabaradmissions.org/certification-of-fitness)

#### Deadlines and associated registration fees:

Bar examination dates	Regular fitness application period (closes at 4pm)	Final fitness application period \$400 late fee required
February 22-23, 2022	March 16, 2021 – July 7, 2021	July 7, 2021 – October 6, 2021
July 26-27, 2022	October 27, 2021 – December 1, 2021	December 1, 2021 – March 2, 2022

**Fitness Application Filing fee prior to graduation:** \$400

**Fitness Application Filing fee after graduating and within one year thereof:** \$600

**Fitness Application Filing fee filed more than one year after graduating:** \$700

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/bar-exam-digest/](http://barbri.com/bar-exam-digest/)

### 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 75 on the MPRE is required for admission to the Georgia bar. The score must be attained prior to the Issuance of a Certificate for Eligibility for Admission to the Practice of Law. Your passing MPRE score must be submitted to the Georgia 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](http://barbri.com/mpre)

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

Your fitness to practice law will be investigated by an Application Analyst based on the answers you provide, and additional facts discovered in the course of the investigation. Upon completion of the fitness investigation, your Fitness Application will be presented to the Board to Determine Fitness for a determination of your eligibility to practice law.

Applicants who are taking the Bar Examination are also required to submit a Bar Examination Application. This process registers you for a particular exam. Only applicants who have been issued and currently hold a valid Certification of Fitness are eligible to Register and submit a Bar Examination Application.

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.

## 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/](http://barbri.com/bar-review-course/)

**If you are billing a firm, congratulations. BARBRI has trusted direct billing relationships with over 450 law firms. Just select the firm you'd like us to invoice during enrollment and we'll work directly with your firm for billing.**

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 may qualify for a BARBRI Bar Review Public Interest Scholarship. Plus you're welcome to apply before putting any money down for your BARBRI bar prep course. Submit your application at: [barbri.com/bar-review-course/public-interest-scholarship](http://barbri.com/bar-review-course/public-interest-scholarship).**

For more information about these options, **contact your BARBRI Director of Legal Education** or email [service@barbri.com](mailto:service@barbri.com)

Learn about what's tested on the Georgia Bar Exam: [gabradmissions.org/bar-examination](http://gabradmissions.org/bar-examination)

Speak with a BARBRI Georgia-licensed attorney to learn more: [barbri.com/contact/georgia](http://barbri.com/contact/georgia)

## 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 Georgia 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](http://ncbex.org/exams/mbe/registration).

**Also, due to the level of uncertainty presented by COVID-19, the February 2021 Georgia 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.

## Apply for the bar examination

After obtaining your Certification of Fitness to Practice Law in Georgia, you must apply to take the GA Bar Examination. Early filing is recommended to avoid added late fees. If your Application for Certification of Fitness is pending, you ARE NOT yet eligible to submit a Bar Examination Application. Your eligibility request will be forwarded to the Office of Bar Admissions, and you will receive an email with instructions on how to complete the Bar Examination Application process and pay the appropriate filing fee.

Bar examination dates	Regular bar exam application period (closes at 4pm)	Final bar exam application period *\$200 late fee required. Opens at 4:01 p.m.	Transcript deadline
July 27-28, 2021	April 5, 2021 – June 2, 2021	*June 2, 2021 – June 14, 2021	June 30, 2021
February 22-23, 2022	November 10, 2021 – January 5, 2022	*January 5, 2022 – February 4, 2022	January 31, 2022
July 26-27, 2022	April 8, 2022 – June 1, 2022	*June 1, 2022 – July 1, 2022	June 30, 2022

## 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, paying the fee and then registering your laptop prior to the specified deadlines.

**Fee:** \$105

Start the Laptop Registration process on the Registration Site: [examsoft.com/gabar](https://examsoft.com/gabar)

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

## Miscellaneous items | added tips

Book your hotel room as soon as possible. Rooms for the July bar exam, for example, are typically sold out by September or October of the previous year.

Lunch options are limited at the Convention Center where the Georgia bar exam is administered. If your school is not providing lunch, plan to find something close by or leave yourself enough time to wait in the lines for something to eat.

Visit the Convention Center on Monday so you're not overwhelmed on Tuesday morning – the first day of the bar exam. This is also a great opportunity to scope out lunch options.

## Georgia State Bar

If you have any questions, please contact your BARBRI Director of Legal Education at [barbri.com/law-school-contact/](https://barbri.com/law-school-contact/)