



Bar Exam Checklist

Texas Bar Admission

The bar admissions process is lengthy. You should start at least a year (or more, if you can) in advance of the bar exam date. There are several steps involved and as the date of the bar exam nears, filing fees increase incrementally.

Create an Atlas account | for all filings

Email: Password:

You may have already created your ATLAS Account back in 1L year, when you completed your Declaration of Intent to Study Law. You'll need to access your online ATLAS Account to apply for the Texas Bar Exam or to submit any other application.

Create or access you ATLAS Account here: ble.texas.gov/registration

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 Uniform Bar Exam.

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

Here's where to register with the NCBE: accounts.ncbex.org/php/ncbe_number/

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 85 on the MPRE is required for admission to the Texas bar. Your passing MPRE score report must be submitted to the Texas Board of Law Examiners (BLE) through the NCBE website.

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/



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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 pursuing a career in 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.

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

Apply for the bar exam | by the fall/spring deadlines

Timely filing deadlines:

- September 1, 2021, for February 2022 bar exam
- February 1, 2022, for July 2022 bar exam

See TBLE website for late filing info at ble.texas.gov/home

Remember, to apply for the Texas Bar Exam, you must have a personal ATLAS Account. You'll electronically submit your bar exam application and pay the filing fee. Texas has also adopted the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) effective with the February 2021 exam administration.

This page contains helpful bar exam application information and instructions: ble.texas.gov/bar-exam-application

Be sure to review all applications and applicable forms at: ble.texas.gov/browseapplication.action?id=240

For additional information and exam details, download the free BARBRI Bar Exam Digest at: barbri.com/bar-exam-digest/

Pay attention to the filing fees | deadlines vary

Timely:

\$300 (in-state) + \$80 laptop fee

1st late deadline: \$150 late fee

2nd late deadline: \$300 late fee

Late laptop registration fee: \$75

It's important to be aware of the bar exam and other miscellaneous fees as well as the filing deadlines at: ble.texas.gov/deadlines

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Submit character and fitness information | start early, expect a thorough check

Once your Declaration of Intention to Study Law is filed, you can submit your bar exam Character and Fitness information. TBLE investigates all applicants on behalf of the Supreme Court of Texas.

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.

Additional character and fitness details: ble.texas.gov/character-and-fitness

Go here for fingerprinting information: ble.texas.gov/fingerprint-information

Register your laptop | no deadline extensions

Registration period

You can use a laptop for the written portion of the Texas Bar Exam (essays, MPT and Procedure & Evidence). Be sure to register your laptop within the registration period and pay the fee. There is a \$75 late fee, and a one week extension. If you miss the registration deadline, you will have to handwrite the written portion. Once you pay the fee, you'll download the Exam360 software, complete the trial exam and upload your trial exam answers.

Full details, including specifications, fees and more, regarding the laptop registration: ble.texas.gov/laptop-application

Results and new lawyer oath | after bar exam

The TBLE typically releases results the first week in May for the February bar exam and the first week in November for the July bar exam.

The State Bar of Texas requires registration of all new state attorneys (for a fee). When you receive your new license, it is required that you take the oath.

For details, go to: texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=New_Lawyer_Forms_and_Fees1&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=30304

Texas law component | new requirement

All applicants who pass the bar February 2021 or after must take the Texas Law Component. This is a series of videos and "hurdle questions" that you will complete online and is approximately 12 hours of work. Applicants may complete the TLC up to one year before taking a bar exam and up to two years after passing a bar exam in Texas.

The Texas Law Course is available through the State Bar of Texas – TexasBarCLE. There is no cost for the course, but you'll need to register as a user of TexasBarCLE before you can register for the Texas Law Course. texasbarcle.com/TBLE

Texas State Bar

All information derived from the Texas BLE website at
ble.texas.gov/home

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